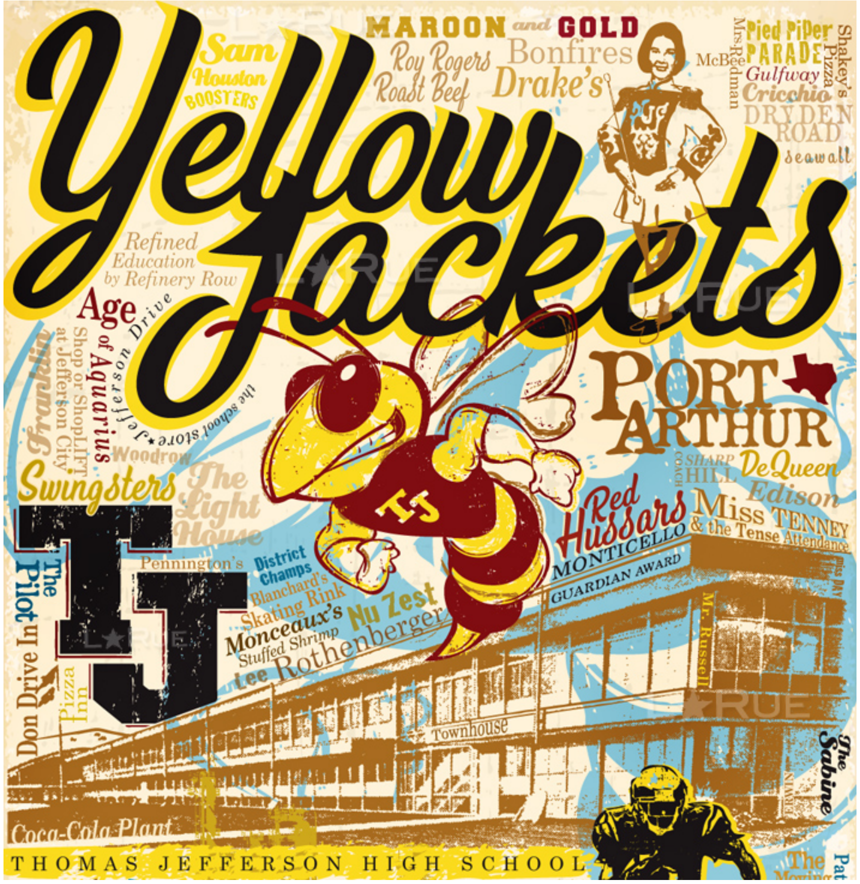
THOMAS JEFFERSON YELLOW JACKETS

BASKETBALL
1972 - 1973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Nov. 18 (Sat.)	Hebert	There
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Nov. 27 (Mon.)	Beaumont High	There
Nov. 28(Tues.)	Baytown Lee	There
Dec. 4 (Mon.)	Beaumont High	Here
Dec. 5 (Tues.)	French	There
Dec. 7,8,9	San Jacinto Tournament	
Dec. 11 (Mon.)	Forest Park	Here
Dec. 12 (Tues.)	Charlton-Pollard	Here
Dec. 14,15,16	Conroe Tournament	
Dec. 19 (Tues)	Lamar Cons.	There
Dec. 21(Thurs)	SFA-Pt. Arthur	Here
Dec. 27,28,29	Yellow Jacket Holiday Tournament	
Jan. 2 (Tues)	South Park	There
Jan. 5 (Fri)	French	Here
Jan. 9 (Tues)	Forest Park	There
Jan. 12 (Fri)	Houston Memorial	There
* Jan. 19 (Fri)	Vidor	Here
* Jan. 2 3 (Tues)	Stark	There
* Jan. 26 (Fri)	PNG	Here
* Jan. 30 (Tues)	Lincoln	There
* Feb. 2 (Fri)	Nederland	There
* Feb. 6 (Vidor)(Tues)	Vidor	There
* Feb. 9 (Fri)	Stark	Here
* Feb. 13 (Tues)	PNG	There
* Feb 16 (Fri)	Lincoln	Here
* Feb. 20 (Tues)	Nederland	Here

*District Games J.V.-6:30 Var.- 7:30

Jackets, Bees open basketball

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Lincoln's two time defending champions, blessed with the area's most explosive player, and Thomas Jefferson, under the guidance of a new coach, officially start bouncing basketballs Monday in preparation for the 1972-73 season.

Jim Gamble's Bees, who have taken three of five 22-4A cage titles, pin their hopes on dazzling Earl (The Pearl) Evans, a unanimous all-district choice as a sophomore. The 6-6 Evans is one of only three returning lettermen from a 26-7 outfit.

Also back are 6-4 Chuck Baker and 6-0 Kerwin Eli. Baker, however, won't report for basketball until football season is over. Compounding Gamble's difficulties is the fact there are no squadmen returning and the other players he's counting on for help all play football.

"We'll probably be a little slow coming around because of our lack of experience, but we're the defending champions and we think we'll be able to compete by the time district play begins," he commented.

Gamble plans to hold workouts about 7 p.m. each day. Lincoln's first outside opposition will be in a scrimmage against West Orange on Nov. 16. The Bees open play Nov. 21 at Charlton-Pollard.

DeWeese, 26, will greet five lettermen, three of whom were starters on a 21-13 Yellow Jacket team last year. Scott Ryal, 6-4, Mike Miller, 5-11, and Brent Guidry, 5-9, are the returning starters. Ken McAfee, 6-5, and Orville Foreman, 6-5, are the other two lettermen.

One point in DeWeese's favor is nearly all his prospects will be available right from the first. Of the 18 juniors and seniors he expects to compete for 12 varsity spots, only William Watkins participates in football.

"It's a real good situation and I'm really pleased about it," he said. "We should be able to get a lot done before the first game rolls around. For the first two weeks all we'll be working on are fundamentals and related drills."

Jefferson's first game under DeWeese is at home against South Park Nov. 21. It's possible the Jackets may have a game with Wheatley's powerful Wildcats early in the season. DeWeese had been dickering with Wildcat coach Jackie Carr over a playing date.

11-25-72

Jackets stop Gander rally

Two clutch free throws by Mike Miller in the last minute of play gave Thomas Jefferson a three-point lead and the cold-shooting Jackets held on to claim a 43 40 win over Baytown Lee at Jacket Gym Saturday night.

The win gives coach Kenneth DeWeese's Jackets a 2-0 mark while Lee now stands at 2-1.

While DeWeese was pleased with the win, he was not overly happy with the performance of the squad. "We shot poorly," he said, "But we'll come around. The players did play a good defensive game and adjusting to our running offense will take time."

Leading the Jackets scorers was Tofedius Coleman with 13 points and Ken McAfee added nine.

If the jackets were cold, Lee was frigid from the charity stripe. The Ganders hit only four of 15 free throws but had 18 field goals to 17 for the Jackets.

TJ will travel to Beaumont Monday night to take on the Beaumont Royal Purples and then they will take a trip to Baytown Tuesday for a rematch with the Ganders.

TJ	fg	ft	tp	Lee	fg	ft-tp	
McAfee	4	1-2	9	Elmore	12	1-3	26
Coleman	5	3-3	13	Johnson	1	0-1	2
Ryal	1	0-4	2	Sanders	1	0-1	2
Guidry	4	0-1	8	Irwin	1	0-0	2
Miller	1	4-4	6	Towell	0	2-2	2
Provost	0	0-0	0	Wishom	0	1-3	1
Jackson	9	1-2	1	Hz'lwood	3	0-5	6
Lackey	2	0-0	4				
Gordon	0	0-0	0				
Foreman	0	0-0	0				
Roy	0	0-1	0				
Totals	17	9-17	43	Totals	18	4-15	40

TJ 15 10 6 12 - 43
Lee 6 16 8 10 - 40

Gamble, DeWeese select starters

Lincoln's Jim Gamble and Thomas Jefferson's Kenneth DeWeese have named their starters for Tuesday night's season opening basketball games.

Gamble's Bumble Bees, two time District 22-4A champs, launch the season in Beaumont against five-time 21-4A kingpin Charlton-Pollard. C-P is 0-1 on the season after dropping an 80-70 decision to Galveston Ball Friday.

Earl (The Pearl) Evans, who averaged 19 points as a sophomore is the last season is the key man for the Bees. He'll be joined in the starting lineup by Russell Glover, 6-1, Harold Dennis, 6-1, Kervin Eli, 6-0, and James Deal, 5-11. Evans and Eli are the only returning starters from last seasons 26-7 outfit.

"Main thing I'm concerned with now is finding out where Evans can do us the most good and concentrating on basics. Until football is over we'll probably have some kids playing in spots they wouldn't be if we were at full strength."

At Jefferson, DeWeese is preparing to make his debut as the head basketball coach. He was brought to TJ from Sinton by Coach Doug Ethridge. Only 26, DeWeese is among the youngest 4A coaches in the state.

The Yellow Jackets are coming off a 21-13 season and have five lettermen back. But DeWeese has an entirely different philosophy from departed Coach James Sharp and he reports the adjustment period has been going slowly.

"Last year the kids were used to a more deliberate style of play. I like to run when possible and play quite a bit of man-to-man defense," explained DeWeese. "Probably the best thing for us now is to face somebody else and see where we are. It's going to take a while for things to fall into place."

Against South Park, which fell to Nederland in its opener Saturday night, DeWeese will start with Brent Guidry, 5-9, Mike Miller, 5-11, Scot Ryal, 6-4, Ken MacAfee, 6-5, and Tofedius Coleman, 6-0. All but Coleman lettered last year.

11-21-72

Jackets, Bees launch cage seasons Tuesday

Youthful Kenneth DeWeese makes his debut as Thomas Jefferson's basketball coach Tuesday night as the Yellow Jackets host South Park's Greenies in the 1972-73 lidlifter.

Meanwhile Jim Gamble and the two-time defending District 22-4A champion Lincoln Bumble Bees also open their season Tuesday night in Beaumont against powerful Charlton-Pollard.

C-P is an overwhelming choice to win its sixth consecutive 21-4A title. Lincoln will be handicappel early in the season because several of the individuals Gamble is counting on are still involved in football.

DeWeese inherits five lettermen from a TJ club which posted a 21-13 mark under James sharp last year. Scott Ryal, 6-4, Mike Miller, 5-11, and Brent Guidry, 5-9, were all starters during the 1971-72 campaign.

Jefferson's first year coach said he probably won't decide on a starting lineup until Monday. He wanted some time to weigh performances in a Saturday morning scrimmage at Hebert.

The South Park clash will be the first of two for Jefferson this week. On Saturday night the Yellow Jackets entertain Baytown Lee. TJ's first road game is Monday, Nov. 27 at Beaumont High.

Lincoln is also scheduled to play twice during the week, but Friday night's contest at Lake Charles Washington is almost certain to be rescheduled because of the bidistrict football game.

The Bees have only three lettermen returning from last year's 26-7 outfit and one of them—Charles Baker is a football player. Talented Earl (The Pearl) Evans, 6-6, an all-district choice as a sophomore, is the key man in Gamble's plans. Only other returning letterman is 6-0 guard Kervin Eli.

FIRST AND TEN TJ—Thomas Jefferson's Scott Ryal beat South Park's Johnny Owens to loose ball in the first quarter of last night's season opener at TJ. Looking on is the Jackets' Mike Miller (22). Jefferson won the game 70-62 in Coach Ken DeWeese's debut. (Staff photo by Ray Sanford)

11-21-72

DeWeese a winner in first TJ game

Thomas Jefferson basketball Coach Kenneth DeWeese says he wants to have six players in double figures and 10 or 11 breaking into the scoring column every time the Yellow Jackets play.

TJ came real close to reaching that goal in its season opener Tueday night and above all the Yellow Jackets won, which is the most important thing of all.

With five players hitting in double digits and 10 men scoring the Jackets presented DeWeese a 70-62 victory over South Park in his first game as head coach. TJ got out to a 12-2 lead in the opening minutes and the Greenies, minus four starters who are still in football, never again got closer than eight points.

Mike Miller paced the Jefferson attack with 16 points while Ken McAfee dropped in 11 and Tofedius Coleman, Brent Guidry and Danny Provost notched 10 each. Little Steve Anders of South Park took game scoring honors with 27 points, hitting nine fielders and nine of 10 free throws.

"Overall I thought we looked okay for a first game," commented DeWeese. "I was a little worried because we hadn't been looking too sharp in practice lately. "Miller and Guidry did a good job and Coleman came on strong in the second half. He's a real fine shooter."

cern for the TJ coach is his

Still a major point of con-
team's board work. The Jackets managed only a 40-34 edge on the boards, with McAfee's seven grabs the team high. Rebounding is our weakest point," admitted DeWeese. "The kids have got to learn to block out better."

Jefferson played a man-to-man defense all the way and at times looked fairly sharp at it. But the Jackets had problems with pi failing to sound off or to switch. "I attribute some of that to mental laziness and some of it to the fact they didn't switch off on defense last year. It's just going to take time to adjust to my way of coaching it," he noted.

DeWeese substituted liberally and midway of the third period switched up a second five for his starters. "We have nine or 10 kids who can play and there's not a lot of difference in them," he explained. "I don't want any of them thinking they're just reserves. I'm going to give them a chance in tight situations, then they won't get shook up later on."

Next action for TJ is Saturday night at home against Baytown Lee. In the junior varsity game Drew Bergman scored 18 points and Joe Bobb 17 to pace the Jackets to a 59-48 victory.

BOB WEST

S. PARK	fg	ft	tp	JEFFERSON	fg	ft	tp
				McAfee	3	5-8	11
Anders	9	9-10	27	Coleman	5	0-0	10
Tarver	1	0-0	2	Ryal	1	2-3	4
Broussard	2	0-1	4	Guidry	5	0-1	10
Mitchell		6	0-1	Miller	7	2-2	16
Tallaritta	2	0-0	4	Provost	5	0-1	10
Blanton	2	1-5	5	Jackson	2	0-0	4
Owens	2	0-0	4	Lackey	1	0-1	2
Alford	0	4-5	4	Gordon	0	0-0	0
				Foreman	0	1-2	1
Totals	24	14-22	62	Ray	1	0-0	2
				T	30	10-18	70

South Park	17	17	22—62
Jefferson	17	23	14—70

Seven area schools open cage seasons

Ken DeWeese, Thomas Jefferson's youthful first year head basketball coach, sends his first Yellow Jacket team into action tonight to headline the area Class 4A basketball schedule.

The 25-year-old DeWeese and the 1972-73 edition of the Yellow Jackets basketball team debut at 7:30 p.m. on their home court against the South Park Greenies of District 21-4A.

TJ will have three returning starters—Scott Ryal, Mike Miller and Brent Guidry—on the floor when it hosts the 0-1 Greenies of Coach Jimmy Anders.

South Park dropped a 66-52 decision to another 22-4A club, Nederland, in its season opener Saturday night.

Lincoln will also open tonight. Coach Jim Gamble, without several athletes who are still involved in football, will pit his Bumble Bees against 21-4A powerhouse Charlton-Pollard in Beaumont.

The Bees are defending 22-4A co-champions and will be relying heavily on junior Earl (The Pearl) Evans, who averaged 19 points last season, furnished scoring punch while Lincoln is involved in the football playoffs.

Charlton-Pollard stands 0-1 on the season. The Bulldogs dropped their season lid lifter, 80-70, Saturday at Galveston Ball.

All the other District 22-4A (with the exception of Port Neches-Groves) and 21-4A teams are seeing action tonight.

Orange Stark, unbeaten in two starts, visits Beaumont High tonight in the latter's season debut. Coach Billy Ray Brown's Tigers have beaten Silsbee, 58-48, and West Lake of Lake Charles, La., 65-51.

Nederland's Bulldogs host Silsbee tonight in their home opener of the 1972-73 season.

Bob Gough's Vidor Pirates tipoff basketball season tonight by entertaining the French Buffs of District 21-4A.

Hebert also opens the season by traveling to Lake Charles, La., to battle W. O. Boston.

In the Class 3A ranks Stephen F. Austin hosts the Forest Park Trojans in their opener while Bridge City entertains the Bishop Byrne Shamrocks.

The Sabine Pass Sharks open their season at Orangefield tonight and will visit Bishop Byrne Wednesday night.

All varsity contests will be preceded by junior varsity games at 6 p.m.

11-27-72

Purples hand Jackets 1st loss of season

By RICK ANDERSON
News Sports Staff

BEAUMONT — Thomas Jefferson played good enough to win here Monday night, but "technically" the Yellow Jackets were forced to accept defeat for the first time in three games.

Actually it was two free throws in the final seven seconds which cost the Jackets a 51-50 setback at the hands of Beaumont, but Coach Ken DeWeese preferred to shoulder the blame himself.

"The whole thing is my fault," said the first year mentor after suffering his first loss. "It makes me sick to think that the kids could have made such a great effort and then lose because I had a technical called against me."

"What really hurts is now we must go to Baytown Tuesday and play the Ganders after such a rough game. I'm afraid that the kids might be too physically drained to get up again."

The technical against DeWeese occurred in the third period with the Jackets holding a 32-28 advantage. Philip Jackson converted the uncontested free throw and the Purples followed by scoring nine straight points to take a 38-32 lead.

DeWeese sent his team into a half court press in the final quarter and slowly chipped away at Beaumont's lead until Mike Miller stole the ball and hit an easy layup with 35 seconds remaining to put TJ on top by 50-49.

Miller was fouled by Galassi a few seconds later and had a chance to put the game out of reach but missed his first attempt.

Beaumont charged down court in a final attempt to pull out the game, but Miller returned the favor by fouling Galassi with seven seconds remaining. Galassi, who was sent in to replace Alvin Tyler in the final period, then made both shots and Philip Jackson blocked TJ's attempt to secure the Purples' first win of the year.

Beaumont, which also took the junior varsity game, 64-58 plays Nederland Tuesday night at 7:30.

T. JEFF.	fg	ft	tp	Beaumont			
				Rochelle	7	(4-11)	18
McAfree	4	(1-2)	9	Bass	0	(0-0)	0
Clemn	2	(0-0)	4	Tyler	5	(0-1)	10
Ryal	3	(4-6)	10	Johnson	0	(1-2)	1
Guidry	6	(5-8)	17	Jackson	3	(9-13)	15
Miller	3	(0-5)	6	Mohn	0	(0-0)	0
Provost	1	(0-0)	2	Bobbitt	1	(1-2)	3
Jackson	0	(0-0)	0	Galassi	0	(4-4)	4
Lackey	1	(0-0)	2				
Goudon	0	(0-0)	0				
Foreman	0	(0-0)	0				
Totals	20	(10-22)	50	**Totals**	16	(19-33)	51

Thomas Jeff. 10 16 6 18—50

Team fouls: TJ (23), Beaumont (16)

Beaumont 8 10 20 13—51

11-25-77

Thomas Jefferson hosts Lee basketeers tonight

There's a scattering of action tonight as area basketball teams begin to muscle in on the high school sports scene.

Baytown Lee tests Thomas Jefferson (1-0) at Yellow Jacket gym and Lincoln, although still very much involved in football, hosts Lake Charles Washington.

Stephen F. Austin hosts Anahuac, Vidor plays at Sulphur, Baytown Sterling is at French, South Houston visits South Park, and Orange competes in the Westlake Holiday tournament.

The Anahuac-SFA game has been switched to Eagle gym to accommodate Anahuac, which was involved in football playoffs Friday night.

For those who thought Charlton-Pollard might be loosening its grip on area supremacy, look again. Since losing their opener to Galveston Ball, the Bulldogs have won two in impressive fashion. David Almond scored 22 points and Kenneth Minkins and Mark Durden poured in 19 and 16 Friday as Charlton-Pollard demolished Nederland, 92-51 at the Nederland gym.

Mark Crain was Nederland's scoring leader with 18 points.

And there apparently is no end to Charlton-Pollard's talent parade: the junior varsity lashed Nederland reserves, 91-70.

Forest Park won its second straight by blasting Jasper, 72-43. Glenn Thomas scored 22 points and Jeff Otto added 14 as the Trojans bolted to a 42-15 halftime lead.

Jackets capture tourney opener

A sizzling 63 percent second half shooting effort enabled the Thomas Jefferson Yellow Jackets to snap a four game losing streak Thursday and move into the winner's bracket of the Conroe tournament.

Paced by Brent Guidry's 18 points, TJ broke open a tight game in the final two periods for a 61-54 decision over Baytown Sterling's Rangers.

The game was tied 29-29 at halftime, but TJ went in front 45-41 at the three quarter post and was never headed. Mike Miller, still weak from a bout with the flu, backed up Guidry with 12 points.

During most of the second half Yellow Jacket Coach Ken DeWeese had five guards on the floor with his biggest man just 5-11. The move paid off as TJ was able to get consistently good shots on the Ranger zone.

Jefferson now faces host school Conroe in a 9 o'clock quarterfinal tonight. If the Jackets win they'll play in the semifinals at 2 p.m. Saturday. A loss would eliminate them from further competition.

West Orange, the only other area entry at Conroe, didn't fare as well as TJ, dropping an 80-74 decision to LaMarque despite a 29 point effort by Waymond Sibley and 20 by Hodges Coleman. The Chiefs were to meet Aldine MacArthur at 9 a.m. today in the consolation quarterfinals.

Elsewhere on the area cage scene play continues in the Nederland tourney with quarterfinal action and the first round tipped off at Bridge City this afternoon with the Cardinals hosting Houston Marian in a 2 p.m. contest.

Kelly challenged Vidor in the 3:30 p.m. game while Bishop Byrne puts its 2-8 mark on the line against Kirbyville at 6:30 p.m. and Little Cypress, 5-1, was to face French's junior varsity at 8 p.m. to conclude the first round.

Semifinal action begins in the loser's bracket Saturday at 9 a.m. The second consolation game is set for 10:30 a.m. Championship semifinals are slated for noon and 1:30 p.m. Seventh place will be decided at 4 p.m., fifth at 5:30 p.m. third at 7 p.m. and the title at 8:30 p.m.

Purples tip TJ, 64-56

Beaumont High hasn't exactly established itself as one of the area basketball powers this year, but as far as Thomas Jefferson is concerned the Purples are definitely their No. 1 opponent.

The Purples scored only their second win in seven outings Monday and for the second time it was at the expense of the Yellow Jackets by 64-56 margin.

TJ, now 2-3 for the year after opening the season under new coach Ken DeWeese with back-to-back victories, was beaten by the Purples, 51-50, in Beaumont Nov. 27 when Frank Galassi made two free throws in the final seven seconds.

Monday, however, the contest was virtually decided at the half when Beaumont romped to a commanding 40-24 lead. The Purples outscored TJ 26-14 in the first quarter and then clipped the Jackets 145-10 in the second to pad their advantage.

TJ stormed back in the third stanza to outscore the Purples, 18-6, and cut the margin to 46-42, but the visitors regained their shooting eye in the final period and outmuscled the Jackets, 18-14, to wrap up the win.

"We are beating everyone every way possible except on the scoreboard," said a disappointed DeWeese after the contest. "Once again we outrebounded Beaumont and made more shots at the basket, but they just wouldn't go in."

The Jackets were only beaten by a 27 - 26 margin in field goals, but Beaumont gained its big edge by going 10 for 13 from the free throw line, while TJ made only 4 of 6.

Mike Miller was the big gun for the losers with 20 points, while Ken McAfee and Tofedius Coleman made 12 each.

Philip Jackson was the scoring leader for the Purples with 18 points, while Galassi added 15 and Larry Rochelle 11.

Tonight Beaumont travels to Hardin-Jefferson, while the Yellow Jackets meet French on the Buffs home court. Both games are expected to start at 7:30 p.m.

TJ (56)	fg	ft	tp	Bmt. (64)	fg	ft	tp
McAfee	6	0-0	12	Rochelle	5	1-2	11
Clman	4	4-6	12	Galassi	6	3-3	15
Ryal	2	0-0	4	Jackson	9	0-0	18
Guidry	3	0-0	1	Bobbitt	1	4-5	6
Miller	10	0-0	20	Bass	4	0-0	8
Provost	0	0-0	0	Tyler	1	2-3	4
Tackron	1	0-0	2	Johnson	1	0-0	2
Lackey	0	0-0	0				
Roy	0	0-0	0				
Totals	26	4-6	56	Totals	2	10-13	64

TJ 14 10 18 14—56
Beaumont 26..14...6..18—64

Schoolboy cage roundup

PN-G breaks .500 level

Port Neches-Groves jumped above the .500 level for the first time Monday, but two other District 22-4A schools, Thomas Jefferson and Nederland, continued to sag.

PN-G waltzed to a comfortable 4-37 edge over Stephen F. Austin after three quarters and then hung on to record a 51-48 victory and up its record to 4-3.

TJ, however, had its record plunge to 3-7 after a devastating 67-47 setback to Forest Park, while Nederland's season mark also dropped to 3-7 after powerful Charlton-Pollard recorded a 79-37 win.

The only other game last night saw Sabine Pass avenge an early loss to Bishop Byrne by rallying in the final quarter for a 52-50 victory.

The remainder of the area teams are scheduled to play tonight including six of the seven teams which played Monday.

Tonight's schedule includes 7-2 Lincoln at Lake Charles W. C. Boston, Vidor (3-6) at Little Cypress, C-P at Thomas Jefferson, South Park (5-6) at Nederland, PN-G at Beaumont (3-7), French (5-6) at Silsbee, Lake Charles Washington at Hebert (1-4), Bridge City (1-6) at Bishop Byrne, Orangefield at Anahuac, East Chambers at Hull-Daisetta and Sabine Pass at Kelly. Forest Park is the lone school not scheduled.

PN-G jumped off to a 13-8 lead over SFA in the first period and led 27-25 at the half. The Indians outscored the Eagles, 20-12, in the third period however to pad the victory.

Cold shooting and turnovers hurt the winners in the final quarter, in which SFA outscored them 11-4, but the Indians managed to freeze the ball for the final two minutes to push their record to 4-3.

Shaun Davis paced the winners with 18 points and 13 rebounds, while Rodnev Taylor added 12. Ken Guidry led SFA, now 5-5 for the year, with 16, while Harold Jacobs added 13 and Jerry Wolfe 10.

Thomas Jefferson fell behind Forest Park, which owns the best District 21-4A record of 7-3, by 42-33 in the third period and then was outscored 25-14 in the final stanza.

The Trojans were paced by sensational sophomore Jay Otto's 25 points, while brother Jeff contributed 12 and Paul Driver 11. Mike Miller led TJ with 15 and Brent Guidry added 13.

C-P broke a three-game losing streak with its decisive 79-37 victory over Nederland. The Beaumont-based Bulldogs outscored their 22-4A opponents 28-6 in the third quarter to open up a 66-26 lead and assure the victory.

C-P, now 6-4 for the year, was led by Kenneth Minkins' 22 points, while Benny Brantley added 11. High man for Nederland was Mark Crain with nine.

Bishop Byrne, which earlier beat Sabine Pass, 51-46, led 12-9 after the first quarter, 28-25 at the half and 32-27 after three quarters before being outscored 15-8 in the final period by the Sharks.

The Sharks, now 5-4 for the season, were again led by Mike Teller's 29 points, while David Peltier added 13.

Bishop Byrne. now at 27-7 was paced by Robert Oberly's 15 points.

No games are scheduled for Wednesday but three tournaments are on tap Thursday, Friday and Saurday at Nederland, Bridge City and Conroe.

Schoolboy basketbal roundup

Dark night for 22-4A cage teams

District 22-4A basketball teams continued to struggle Tuesday night losing four of five games to run their composite season record to 37-45. Without Lincoln's 12-3 mark, however, 22-4A is a blushing 25-42.

Thomas Jefferson, Port Neches-Groves, Nederland and Stark all took it on the chin while Lincoln was the lone victor. Vidor did not play.

TJ, now 4-10, fell to Lamar Consolidated, 65-58, South Houston whipped PN-G 74-55, Beaumont belted Nederland 69-52, and Charlton-Pollard tripped Stark, 66-56. Lincoln downed Hebert, 59-51.

Elsewhere in the area Tuesday night, Forest Park bumped Little Cypress, 58-51, Stephen F. Austin rolled over East Chambers, 67-47, South Park crushed Bridge City, 81-55, West Orange bested Jennings, La., 58-50, and Bishop Byrne edged Johnson's Bayou 40-36.

Brent Guidry and Tofedius Coleman poured in 18 points each for Thomas Jefferson but it wasn't enough to overcome Lamar Consolidated and its big gun Clifford Randall who dropped in 23. Next action for the Yellow Jackets is Thursday night when they host Stephen F. Austin.

PN-G played three good quarters at South Houston, but a five point second period was fatal. While the Tribe was collecting only one field goal that quarter, South Houston was connecting for 19 points to extend a 20-14 lead to 39-19. The second half was played on even terms.

Shaun Davis continued his fine play for the Indians with 23 points and 19 rebounds. John Brown added 16. PN-G, now 5-6, attempts to bounce back Thursday with a home contest against Baytown Sterling.

Beaumont High's triumph over Nederland was the Purples fifth against seven setbacks and four of the wins have been against 22-4A opposition. Frank Galassi topped the Purples with 18-10 coming in the second half as Beaumont broke out of a 30-30 deadlock. Randy Monk had 18 for Nederland, 3-12. Beaumont goes to Kountze Friday while the Bulldogs are idle until Thomas Jefferson's Holiday Tournament opens next Thursday.

Jay Otto whipped in 21 points as Forest Park avenged an overtime loss to Little Cypress in the Nederland Tournament. Ken Linscomb took game scoring honors for the Bears, now 7-3, with 23 points. Forest Park, 9-5, goes to Bridge City Friday.

Bubba Anders and Lester Henderson tallied 20 and 16 points respectively as South Park, 8-7, cruised past Bridge City. The Cardinals got 26 points from Dennis Haire and 18 from Dennis Weishar. South Park travels to Pasadena Dobie Thursday while Bridge City, 3-10, hosts Forest Park.

PN-G takes third place as Chiefs win own meet

WEST ORANGE — Waymon Sibley's strong inside shooting and awesome rebounding carried the West Orange Chiefs to 70-65 victory over Orange Stark and the championship of the West Orange Invitational here Saturday night.

Sibley totaled 25 points and joined guard Hodges Coleman in helping the Chiefs break Stark's feared zone press.

Coleman, voted the tournament's outstanding player, penetrated the Tiger's press with his crafty ball handling and fed Sibley for many of his field goals.

Port Neches-Groves employed excellent ball control in the last four minutes to win third place by downing Thomas Jefferson, 66-60.

Center Shawn Davis and guard John Brown, both all-tournament selection, steadied the Indians as TJ attempted a desperate come-back in the final minutes.

The Yellow Jackets were forced to foul in order to gain possession, and the Indians made enough free throws to maintain their lead. Brown Indians with 16 points each, while Rodney Taylor had 13 and Davis 11.

Port Neches-Groves had to overcome an outstanding scoring spree by TJ's Mike Miller, the tourney's leading point producer.

Miller tallied 29 points to run his three-game total to 67. Guard Brent Guidry followed him in the Jacket's column with 10.

Coleman, who led the Chiefs to their 63-53 semifinal victory over Port Neches-Groves, assisted Sibley with 15 points.

Stark, which held a 18-14 first quarter lead but fell behind 42-39 at intermission, was led by Leroy Bradlone's 14 points and Charley Sprott's 13.

Sibley and teammate James Garrett jointed Coleman on the all-tournament team, while Breedlove, Mike Thom- each member school voted to: as and Earnest Chavis made it from Stark.

Miller was included on the elite team, while Buna's David Schalchlin completed the squad.

Until Davis sank two free throws with 5:12 left in the third place game, it had been tied 13 times and there had been seven lead changes. game the Indians 59-57 lead,

Davis' clutch free throws and White increased it to 61-57 with a layup with 4:36 left.

Miller narrowed the gap to 62-60 with an 18-footer with 2:37 left, but th eIndians preserved the victory at the free-throw line.

PN-G	fg	ft	tp	TJ	fg	ft	tp
Davis	4	3-4	11	McAfee	3	2-4	8
Speed	3	2-3	8	Coleman	1	0-1	2
Brown	7	2-4	16	Ryal	3	1-2	7
Mire	1	0-0	2	Guidry	3	4-4	10
White	8	0-0	16	Miller	12	5-5	29
Keeney	0	0-0	0	Roy	1	2-2	4
Taylor	5	3-8	13				
Totals	28	10-19	66	Totals	23	14-18	60

PN-G	26	13	14	13—66
TJ	16	23	14	7—60

Jackets beaten by Buffs, 67-62

By RICK ANDERSON
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BEAUMONT — Thomas Jefferson is currently in the midst of a four-game losing streak and no one is taking it harder than Coach Ken DeWeese.

"The kids have really been playing their hearts out the past four games," said DeWeese after Tuesday night's 67-62 loss to Beaumont French. "When a team plays like we have been and still loses I guess the only fault can be in the coaching."

TJ opened the game as if the Yellow Jackets were going to blow French completely out of the gym. The Jacks scored the first six points and held a 10-4 advantage after only two minutes of play.

However, Gary Bean, a junior reserve who replaced bed-ridden 6-8 postman Jack McWilliams, started hitting from close in and Paul Roy made three from outside the key to pull French to within one point at 18-17 at the buzzer.

The Jackets again took a healthy five point lead in the early stages of the second period, but Joe Billy Holland joined Bean and Roy in another hot scoring streak for the Buffs who surged ahead at one point by 12 and finally finished with a 42-32 halftime edge.

The third quarter belonged to the Jackets. French maintained its huge lead for the first four minutes, but Tofedius Coleman and postman Scott Ryal combined for 16 points in the final three minutes to pull TJ to within one point again at 56-55.

The late surge seemed to give TJ the momentum it needed in the final period as Johnny Roy and Coleman hit quick jumpers to give the Jackets the lead for the first time since early in the second period.

French then reeled off nine straight points, however, and went ahead 65-59 before TJ could regain its touch. The Buffs then went to a stale the final three minutes and even a full court press by the Jackets failed to break the ice.

Roy and Bean finished as high point men for the night with 28 and 22 respectively, while Holland added 16 for the winners. Coleman led TJ with 18, followed by Brent Guidry with 14 and Ryal's 13.

TJ, now 2-4 for the year, opens play Thursday in the West Orange Tournament, while French, 5-4 for the season, travels to Houston Thursday for the Spring Branch Tournament.

TJ	fg	ft	tp	French	fg	ft	tp
McAfee	2	4-5	18				
Coleman	9	0-2	18	Beam	10	2-4	22
Ryal	6	1-3	13	Roy	14-	0-0	28
Guidry	7	0-0	14	Webb	0	0-0	0
Miller	3	0-2	6	Klptrick	0	1-2	1
Provost	0	1-2	1	Holland	7	2-3	16
Roy	1	0-0	2	Edwards	0	0-0	0
Totals	28	6-14	62	Totals	31	5-11	67

TJ	18	14	23	7—62
French	17	25	14	11—67

West Orange cage meet finals slated for tonight

Thomas Jefferson, Port Neches-Groves, West Orange and Orange Stark all have a shot at claiming the West Orange Invitational basketball championship today.

TJ, PN-G, West Orange and Stark all are in the semifinals of the tournament today. Finals in the tournament are on tap tonight at 8 p.m.

Jefferson and Port Neches-Groves got into the semifinals by way of a bye.

Coach Ken DeWeese's Yellow Jackets broke a four game losing streak by dumping Little Cypress, 91-80. The triumph raised TJ's record to 3-4 on the season.

Although they trailed 40-36 at half time Jefferson rebounded in the second half to score the most points they have all season.

Five players scored in twin digits for the Jackets, including Mike Miller with 21 points. Ken McAfee chipped in 19 points followed by Scott Ryal with 14, Brent Guidry with 12, and Tofedius Coleman with 11.

Brian Carr and Kenneth Linscomb shared high point honors for Little Cypress with 23 apiece.

Other second round scores had Kountze over East Chambers, 59-44, Orange Stark over Stephen F. Austin, 75-55, West Orange over Hardin-Jefferson, 65-49, and Vidor over Newton, 61-37.

East Chambers, Stephen F. Austin, Hardin-Jefferson and Newton are all eliminated from the tournament.

Port Neches-Groves, which drew a second round bye after defeating Buna 42-36 in the opening round of the tournament, made good use of its time off.

Coach Phil Endicott's Indians evened their season record at 2-2 by slapping the Forest Park Trojans, 55-53, in Beaumont. The loss dropped Forest Park's recrod to 7-3.

Shaun Davis ripped the nets for 20 points for the Tribe but Forest Park's Glen Thomas took high point honors with 21.

PN-G will now tangle with West Orange in tournament action today. West Orange got a 31 point performance from James Garrett in its romp over Hardin-Jefferson.

Coach Jim Weaver's Chiefs exploded for a 20 point halftime lead, 38-18, and then coasted in to victory over the Hawks.

SFA's Eagles were simply outmanned against Stark, the defending District 22-4A co-champion. Four Stark players —Earnest Chavis (21), Mike Thomas (12), Evan Feathers (11), Mike Smith (10)—scored in double figures.

Brad Schenkewitz paced Austin's attack with 13 points. Austin leaves the tournament with a 5-4 record. Stark, now on a three game winning streak has a 6-2 mark.

In consolation action Vidor's Pirates elevated their record to 3-5 in thumping Newton. Mike Pues and Melvin Reddick had 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Pirates.

Wesley Shaw's 18 points led the Kountze Lions past East Chambers. Kenny Hoffpauir had 22 for the losers.

Bridge City and Buna join Vidor and Kountze in the consolation semifinals. Consolation title will be decided at 5 p.m.

In other tournament action both Beaumont High and French were eliminated from the Spring Branch Invitational tournament. After falling to Westchester, 84-42, Beaumont dropped a 77-48 decision to Houston Reagan Friday.

Frank Galassi, who had 19 against Westchester, was high point man again against Reagan with 15. Larry Rochelle had 12 points and Phil Jackson 11. The loss left the Purples at 3-7 on the season.

Sam Houston knocked off French, 65-61, Friday to send the Buffs packing with a 5-6 record.

In the only single game on tap in the area Friday Silsbee beat South Park, 70-49. Mitch Dinkle had 22 points and Mike Dabney had 19 for Silsbee. Bubba Anders hit 16 and brother Steve 12 for the Greenies.

Houston Smiley shocked C-P, 64-60, to drop the Bulldogs from the Clear Creek tournament. C-P has lost three in a row and its season record has slipped to 5-4.

Schoolboy cage roundup

Jackets ousted at Conroe

It took only one loss to knock Thomas Jefferson out of the Conroe Tournament Friday, but Little Cypress took it on the chin from Port Arthur Lincoln and still found itself in the semifinals.

The Jackets, who broke a four-game losing streak Thursday by whipping Sterling, 61-53, were outsted by host Conroe in the second round, 79-63.

At virtually the same time Little Cypress was clipped by Lincoln, 52-49, in the second round of the Nederland Tournament. The Bears got a "second" chance, however, when they moved down the road to Bridge City last night and defeated the French junior varsity, 79-56, to move into the semifinals at the Cardinals' tournament.

Other first round games at Bridge City found the host Cards slapping Marion, 42-31; Vidor waltzing past Kelly, 55-47; and Kirbyville slipping past Bishop Byrne, 49-48.

Two District 18-2A contests were also on tap Friday with Hull-daisetta easing past Lumberton, 33-31, and Hamshire-Fannett defeating East chambers, 40-33.

TJ Coach Ken DeWeese said his team was "hurt in the first half" when the Jackets fell behind 36-21. "We couldn't get anything going until the third period but it was too late by then," said DeWeese. "It's probably just as well though because we had four key players sick and I don't think they could have played another game anyway."

Conroe increased its advance over TJ by 61-41 in the third period before the Jackets cut the margin back by four points with a 22 point fourth quarter outburst.

Brent Guidry led the Jackets with 15 points, followed by Mike Miller with 13 and Scott Ryal with 10.

Little Cypress, which faced Kirbyville this afternoon in the semis, placed five men in double-figures against French including Warren Miller (17), Lee Peveto (14), Mike Procella (13), and Donnie Harmon and Lynn Lovelace with 11 each. Ricky Baired led French with 16.

Bridge City, which took on Vidor at noon, was paced by Davis Weishaar's 18 points against Marion, while Dennis Haire added 17.

Bishop Byrne got 14 points from Frank Oberle and 10 from Chris Beaty in its losing effort against kirbyville.

Byrne went against French's JV in the consolation semis, while Kelly clashed with Marion.

Tonight's third place game is set for 7 p.m., while the championship tilt will begin at 8:30.

Jackets rally late to chop down SFA

By BOB WEST
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Thomas Jefferson Coach Ken DeWeese and Stephen F. Austin's Bill Kirkpatrick were in total agreement that Thursday night's game was one of the strangest they've ever witnessed.

DeWeese's Yellow Jackets, down by 10 in the early going of the fourth quarter, rallied for a 59-54 decision and did it despite making only four field goals the entire quarter.

TJ, however, converted 15 of 19 free throws in a turnaround that had to be seen to be believed. Until the final period started the Jackets had shot only 11 free throws and made eight.

But even stranger was the fact that in the first half Austin bagged 20 of its 40 points at the charity stripe, then only got seven free tosses the final two periods and converted just two.

"How do you make 20 free throws one half and only two in the other?" wondered Kirkpatrick. "I think when we went 10 ahead at the half our kids got impatient and quit working for the good shot. We had them fouling but we started taking careless shots and it beat us."

DeWeese, looking at the final statistics, could only shake his head. "When you hit 31 per cent from the field and commit 21 turnovers it's not often you're going to win. I feel real fortunate to win one like this. I think our half court press made the difference. That and those fourth quarter free throws."

Brent Guidry was Mr. Clutch for the Yellow Jackets late in the game. The scrappy guard converted both ends of a one and one at the 1:10 mark to put TJ on top 53-52. Then, after Tofedius Coleman and the Eagles Guy Guidry traded fielders, Brent iced things away by again converting the one and one with 15 seconds left.

Mike Miller paced the Jacket attack with 14 points and Coleman had 13-11 coming in the frantic second half. Eight different players broke into the scoring column for TJ.

Harold Jacobs was the big gun for SFA, connecting for 20 points. Jacobs, however, managed only four the second half. Ken Guidry added 15 for the Eagles, but he too could tally just a pair of field goals the final 16 minutes.

Austin, which trailed 28-27 with 2:58 left in the first half, went on a tear that produced a 40-30 halftime lead. Connecting on 20 of 27 free throws made the difference for SFA as the Jackets were whistled for 17 fouls to only seven for the Eagles.

SFA went without a point for the first 4:18 of the third quarter and turned the ball over frequently against the Jackets half court trap, but TJ failed to take advantage. In the third quarter Jefferson was three of 19 from the floor and took down just two offensive rebounds.

"It's hard to explain," frowned DeWeese. "The first half we just weren't ready to play and they were. We finally started hustling, then the ball wouldn't go in. I'm sure Coach Kirkpatrick is upset over the outcome because they certainly were in a position to win."

Jacobs was not only the game's leading scorer he also tied the Jackets' Coleman for most rebounds with 12 as SFA managed a slim 45-44 advantage. Both teams turned the ball over 21 times, so the contest was about as even as could be. Austin shot 30 per cent to the Jackets' 31.

The victory upped Jefferson's season record to 5-10 while SFA dropped to 7-6. Both are idle until Thursday when they play in the first round of the Yellow Jacket Holiday Tournament. TJ tangles with Buna and SFA tests Forest Park.

SFA	fg	ft	tp	T. Jeff.	fg	ft	tp
Guidry K	5	5-9	15	McAlee	1	1-2	3
Jacobs	7	6-6	20	Ryal	1	0-0	2
Kethley	0	1-3	1	Coleman	4	5-5	13
Wells	0	8-11	8	Guidry	2	44	8
Wolfe	1	2-3	4	Miller	5	4-4	14
Schen	0	0-2	0	Provost	0	0-0	0
Guidry G	3	0-0	6	Lackey	2	5-7	9
				Gordon	0	0-0	0
				Foreman	1	1-2	3
				Roy	2	3-6	7
Totals	16	22-34	54	Totals	18	23-30	59

SFA	18	22	6	8—54
Thomas Jeff.	13	17	6	23—59

Team fouls: SFA 22, TJ 25; Fouled out: SFA—K. Guidry, Wells; TJ-Ryal

Basketball roundup

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C-P shocks Wheatley

While Thomas Jefferson, Lincoln and Port Neches-Groves were taking their lumps Charlton-Pollard pulled one of the area's most stunning basketball upsets in years Tuesday night.

Bob Woodard's Bulldogs, minus Vernon Minix, last year's most valuable player in District 21-4A, stunned Wheatley's powerful Wildcats 86-85 at the C-P gym. Wheatley was unbeaten in four contests and had not been held under 100 points until it met disaster in Beaumont.

Meanwhile Baytown Lee was avenging a three point Saturday night setback to TJ with a 62-38 whipping of the Yellow Jackets, Lincoln dropped a 68-65 toughie at Houston Washington and PN-G dropped its season opener to hot shooting Forest Park, 70-53.

Elsewhere Nederland dropped Beaumont High, 52-47, South Park broke into the win column witha 45-41 decision over Buna, Vidor tripped Bridge City, 45-35, Kirbyville nipped Hamshire-Fannett in overtime, 56-51, and Silsbee crushed Hardin Jefferson, 56-51.

Charlton-Pollard had to wipe out a 47-35 halftime deficit to overcome Wheatley, winner of the 4A state title three times the past five years. Kenneth Minkins put the Bulldogs on top to stay, 84-83, with 59 seconds left. Charles Jacko's jumper upped the lead to three with 34 seconds to play.

Mark Durden paced the Bulldogs with 22 points, Minkins added 19 and Jacko had 18-10 of them in the fourth quarter. C-P is now 4-1 for the season as is Wheatley.

Frigid shooting doomed Thomas Jefferson to its second consecutive defeat after two victories. The Yellow Jackets hit only 26 per cent while Lee was connecting for 51 per cent. Lee was on top 12-6 after the first quarter, 32-30 at halftime and 48-31 at the three quarter mark.

"I think our tough loss to Beaumont Monday night hurt us, but Lee has a fine club," commented TJ Coach Kenneth DeWeese. "They beat us on the boards and we helped out with 18 turnovers. You just can't overcome those things when you're shooting 26 per cent.

Scott Ryal was the only Yellow Jacket in double figures. Ryal, in his finest game of the season, hit for 14 points. Lee's Francis Elmore took game scoring honors with 20.

Lincoln, playing without Coach Jim Gamble who is still involved with football, battled Washington right to the wire before falling. After trailing 22-18 at the end of the first quarter the Bees battled back to a 38-38 halftime tie and the score was tied at 52 entering the final period.

Earl (The Pearl) Evans once again led Lincoln with 26 points and Kervin Eli added 21. The loss was Lincoln's second against one victory.

Forest Park converted a sizzling 26 of 29 free throws and got 28 points from Glen Thomas in spoiling PN-G's opener. It was the third straight win for the undefeated Trojans of John Callahan. Jeff Otto pumped in 15 points and Paul Driver 10 to back up Thomas.

Shaun Davis led PN-G with 13 points and 12 rebounds. John Brown and Rodney Taylor added 12 points each for Tribe. "Turnovers (17) and cold shooting killed us," said Tribe Coach Phil Endicott. "We'll get better." PN-G did win the junior varsity game as Leslie Hannah dropped in 16 points in a 52-31 victory.

Nederland used the double figure scoring of four players to score its second victory against three defeats. Beaumont tumbled to 1-3. Mark Crain, Mark Moore and Ken Leavins tallied 11 each for the

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C-P wins--

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Bulldogs while Billy Wilson netted 10.

Bubba Anders scored 12 points and John Miles 10 as South Park knocked Buna from the unbeaten ranks. The Greenies are now 1-4 while Buna stands 3-1.

Vidor saddled Bridge City with its third defeat in four games despite a 16 point, 14 rebound effort from Dennis Haire, David Weishaar added 13 points for BC.

Kirbyville outscored Hamshire-Fannett 7-2 in the overtime period after the Longhorns wiped out a six point deficit in the final period. Both teams are now 1-1. Twig Troutman of H-F captured game scoring honors with 24 points. Mike Hebert added 10 for the Longhorns. Stafford Breed topped Kirbyville with 16.

Schoolboy action is light the remainder of the week with many teams gearing up for tournaments. All of District 21-4A but C-P, and Lincoln and Nederland of 22-4A will be in Beaumont's YMBL tourney. Bridge City and West Orange go to the Jasper meet and Stephen F. Austin and Bishop Byrne are in the Anahuac tourney.

Minkins' deadly shooting strangles TJ

By BOB WEST
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Ken DeWeese sheepishly ad-itted he made a grave mis-ke about Charlton-Pollard's enneth Minkins, but the TJ ach was dead right on an-her point and it could help rn things around for the strug-ng Yellow Jackets.

DeWeese, after scouting C-P an earlier game when Minkins was having an off night, made the notation that he wasn't much of a scoring threat. So all the 6-0 senior guard did Tuesday night was can a blazing 17 of 19 from the field and chalk up 37 points as the Bulldogs rolled to a 99-76 victory.

"I sort of goofed," DeWeese admitted, "but I never even told the kids what I had written down about Minkins. You can't get a true picture of what somebody can do just by watching him once. I guess he pretty well proved that tonight. He's got some of the finest moves I've ever seen for a high school player."

The point DeWeese made with his Yellow Jackets that turned out to be right was Charlton-Pollard's vulnerability to a running game. He's had a difficult time converting TJ from a pattern conscious team to one that looks for the fast break, but the corner may have been turned against the Bulldogs.

"Our kids didn't believe me when I told them we could run on C-P. We did it several times, though, and at halftime they were ready to concede I was right. We made too many mistakes against their press, but when we got the ball down the floor we scored a lot of layups."

Except for the second quarter, when the Bulldogs poured in 33 points to only 17 for the Yellow Jackets, TJ did a commendable job. The Jackets led by as many as six points, 11-5, in the early going, then Bulldog Coach Bob Woodard inserted Minkins and the rest of the first team.

TJ trailed only 22-19 with five minutes left in the half when the amazing Mr. Minkins went to work. He roared down the lane twice on breathtaking drives for layups, then stole the ball and fed Vernon Minix. All of a sudden it was 29-19 and the Jackets were never to get closer than nine.

Minkins had a tremendous game in the second quarter alone, hitting eight of eight from the floor and one free throw for 17 points. He scored only four each in the first and third quarters, but popped through 12 more in the final period before going to the bench with 2:30 left.

"They're the best we've played, no doubt about it," said the impressed DeWeese. "It's hard to believe they've lost four games, but I can see how they beat Wheatley. Even though we got beat by 23 points I think it was good experience for our kids to go up against somebody that good."

The Jackets came up with one of their most balanced scoring efforts to the season with four men in double figures. Mike Miller, showing some pretty fair moves of his own, dropped in 21 points, Ken McAfee came off the bench to get 16, Scott Ryal had 15 and Tofedius Coleman 12.

C-P, boosted by the return of Minix, the most valuable player in District 21-4A last year, had a 42-36 edge on the boards as Minix led the way with 11 rebounds. It was only the second game for the 6-3 jumping jack. Johnny Roy was the top rebounder for TJ with seven.

"I can't complain at all about our second half," sumed up DeWeese. "We scored 44 points against a fine team. Cutting down our turnovers made a big difference. They nearly ran us out with their press in the second quarter. I really think we're going to be an improved team from now on, although there's still a long, long way to go."

Next action for the Jackets (3-8) is at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Conroe tourney. C-P, up to 8-4, faces Silsbee at 10:30 a.m. in the Nederland meet.

Charlton-Pollard	fg	ft	tp	Thomas Jefferson	fg	ft	tp
M'kins	17	3-4	37	M'Afee	4	8-11	16
Durden	2	3-6	7	C'man	6	0-1	12
Jacko	8	0-2	16	Ryal	5	5-7	15
Minix	3	2-3	8	Miller	8	5-6	21
Dp'hm	4	0-1	8	Guidry	2	0-0	4
Jones	0	0-0	0	Provost	1	0-1	2
Almond	2	0-0	4	Lackey	0	0-0	0
George	1	0-0	2	Roy	2	2-6	6
Brantly	2	1-2	5				
M'shall	3	2-4	8				
Davis	2	0-0	4				
W'liams	0	0-0	0				
Totals	44	11-22	99	Totals	128	20-32	76

Charlton-Pollard	18	33	26	22	- 99
Thomas Jefferson	15	17	23	21	- 76

Team Fouls: C-P 24, TJ 17

High school roundup

PN-G betters '72 record with win

By BURT DARDEN
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The Port Neches-Groves Indians have now won more games this season than they did all last season under Phil Endicott. He says they owe it all to winning the close ones.

Port Neches-Groves elevated its season record to 9-8 Tuesday night and it had to win a close ball game to do it. Rodney Taylor hit a short bank shot with six seconds remaining to boost PN-G past Beaumont High, 59-57.

"We are winning the close ball games this season," beamed Endicott, who saw his team struggle to an 8-21 record in his first year as varsity basketball coach.

Thus far PN-G has managed to pull off a trio of two point wins this season in addition to a three-point victory and a one-point victory.

In other area basketball action Lincoln blazed to its seventh straight win by dumping W. O. Boston of Lake Charles, La., 84-57; Forest Park mauled Stephen F. Austin, 65-37; South Park ripped Thomas Jefferson, 88-58; Orange Stark whipped Hebert's Panthers, 53-47; West Orange slashed Hardin - Jefferson, 71-46; Little Cypress clobbered Nederland, 64-57; Klein beat Liberty, 50-64.

The score in the second meeting of the season between Port Neches - Groves and Beaumont High was deadlocked on 13 occasions—a classic seesaw battle. PN-G stretched to a 31-23 lead with 6:47 to go in the third period only to fall behind by a pair with just over two minutes left in the quarter.

"That's been our problem this season," pointed out Endicott. "We get a lead and then seem to blow it."

Shaun Davis, PN-G's string bean postman, didn't make the winning bucket like Taylor. But he was as responsible for the Indian victory as anybody.

Davis, averaging 15 points and 14 rebounds per game, pushed in 21 points and snared 14 rebounds for the Tribe. He made six points in the final quarter and two of his buckets kept the Indians in the game by tying the score.

"Shaun has played real good basketball for us. When we need a bucket we always go to him," said Endicott.

Taylor was the only other Port Neches-Groves player in double digits with 12 points. Paul Williams came off the bench to score nine points for the Tribe.

Larry Rochelle of Beaumont High garnered high point honors for the game with 27 points. Rochelle hit four buckets to tie the score and made a crucial one-and-one to put the Purples ahead in the fourth quarter.

"Rochelle is one of the best all round players we have played against. He hurt us when Beaumont beat us 51-46 earlier in the year," noted Endicott.

Frank Galassi also hit 13 points as Beaumont's record slipped to 6-10.

Still without the services of their leading scorer Mike Miller, Thomas Jefferson fell to South Park for the first time this season. Six South Parkers scored in twin figures with Lester Henderson leading the way with 17.

Brent Guidry had 20 points for the Jackets, 13 of which came in the fourth period. South Park's record is now 11-8 while Thomas Jefferson's is 7-13.

Stephen F. Austin sagged to 8-9 on the season as Jay Otto and Gene Pampe each fired in 16 points to pace Forest Park over the Eagles. The victory boosted Forest Park's season record to 14-6.

Mike Wilburn's 30 points paced Little Cypress over Nederland. Randy Monk had 12 points, Mark Crain 11 and Billy Willson 10 for Nederland, now 4-14 on the season.

Beaumont	fg	ft	tp	P-N Groves	fg	ft	tp
Rochelle	10	7-8	2	Davis	10	1-3	21
Galassi	5	3-4	13	Taylor	5	2-2	12
Tyler	3	0-0	6	Speed	3	—	6
Jackson	4	1-2	9	Mire	1	1-2	3
Bass	1	0-0	2	Brown	4	—	8
				Williams	4	1-1	9
Totals	23	11-14	57	Totals	27	5-7	59

Beaumont	12	11	15	19	- 57
PN-Groves	13	14	13	19	- 59

Bees, Greenies in second rou

Jefferson stunned

By BOB WEST
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Until Buna stepped in to spring the day's only major upset it appeared the quarterfinal round of the 14th annual Yellow Jacket Holiday Tournament was going to be a total shootout between teams from District 22-4A and District 21-4A.

The AA Cougars had other ideas, however, and in the final first round tipoff nipped Thomas Jefferson, 57-51 Thursday night. By virtue of the victory Buna, 9-6, earned the right to meet Port Neches-Groves, 7-6, at 9 o'clock tonight in the last of the quarterfinal matches.

Tournament co-favorite Charlton-Pollard, 15-4, faces Beaumont 6-8, at 2:30 p.m., defending champion Lincoln, 13-3 hooks up with South Park, 10-7, at 6 p.m. and Forest Park, 11-5, tangles with Nederland, 4-12 at 7:30 p.m. in today's other second round attractions.

Consolation bracket play began at 9:30 a.m. with Stephen F. Austin, 7-7 facing Woodville, 3-9. Kountze, 8-6, met Memorial, 12-5 at 11 a.m., TJ, 5-11, tested Vidor, 5-9 at 1 p.m. and Silsbee 9-9, meets Baytown Lee, 9-6, at 4 p.m. to round out play on the loser's side.

Jefferson was the opening day's major upset victim, but there were two other mild surprises. Beaumont, which had fallen to Kountze last Friday, bounced back to nip the Lions, 59-57, and South Park, a 70-49 loser to Silsbee three weeks ago, nipped the Tigers 58-54.

Lincoln, Forest Park and Port Neches-Groves had the easiest time of it, while Nederland had to go into overtime and Charlton-Pollard needed to play one of its finest games of the season.

The defending champion Bees ripped methodical Baytown Lee, 57-32, Forest Park sailed past Stephen F. Austin, 65-45, and PN-G drummed Vidor, 69-48. Mike Moore's two free throws with four seconds left in overtime lifted Nederland over Woodville, 73-72, while C-P used the deadly outcourt bombing of Charles Jacko to drop a good Memorial outfit, 76-66.

Lincoln, Charlton-Pollard, Forest Park and Port Neches-Groves should survive today's action and move nto the semifinals, but if there's one game where an upset is possible, it could be the Lincoln-South Park matchup. At least that's the way Bee coach Jim Gamble feels.

"I'm real impressed with South Park and I'm afraid our kids won't get up for them. Right now all they're thinking about is getting at C-P again. It could be disastrous to take South Park lightly. They're so sound fundamentally, they just won't beat themselves."

Lincoln's big advantage will be on the boards where 6-6 Earl Evans has three inches on South Park's John Miles. Nobody else on the Greenie roster goes above six feet.

"I'm sure the key will be how well we keep them away from the offensive boards," nodded SP mentor Jim Anders. "Evans will probably be the finest player we see all year."

Earl "The Pearl" pumped in 25 points and grabbed 22 rebounds in Lincoln's triumph over Lee. The Bees were ahead 25-14 at halftime and gradually broke things open. Baytown's touted Francis Elmore could manage only eight points. Evans was Lincoln's lone double figure scorer.

South Park broke from the gate quickly on Silsbee, rolling to an 18-7 first quarter lead. Dan Montgomery's Tigers gradually fought back and went ahead for the first time, 45-44, with 40 seconds left in the third period.

nd feature
by Buna

Silsbee stayed ahead until 1:07 remained. Then the Greenies' 5-4 Steve Anders, who always seems to be in the right place, converted both ends of a bonus free throw situation to move South Park in front 56-54. Anders iced the game by repeating from the free throw line with nine seconds to play.

While South Park lived by the free throw, TJ died by it. The Yellow Jackets made just three of 13 from the charity stripe in falling to Buna. Jefferson had 24 field goals to 21 for the Cougars, but Buna sank 15 free throws.

The loss was particularly costly for TJ because it lost leading scorer Mike Miller indefinitely with a severely sprained ankle. Miller went out in the second quarter with TJ leading. From then on, however, the Jackets became terribly disorganized and Buna finally went ahead in the third quarter. Brent Gu[illegible] and Tofedius Coleman [illegible] 12 points each for TJ and Ken McAfee had 11. David Schalchlin popped in 19 for Buna.

PN-G Coach Phil Endicott called his team's romp past Vidor one of its finest efforts of the season. The Indians paced by Shaun Davis, and Randy Speed with 16 points each, had Vidor down 20-4 after one quarter. It was never close.

"I just hope we can come back with another solid effort," declared Endicott. "We'll have trouble getting up for Buna, I'm sure of that. We beat them 42-36 in the West Orange tournament and it was one of our worst games. It's really hard to get your kids ready for a AA school."

Memorial Coach Don Coleman, a Thomas Jefferson graduate, said his team should be playing CP for the championship instead of in the first round and the two teams promptly went out and put on that type exhibition.

Jacko's outcourt gunning, the work of Wilbert Marshall and Vernon Minix on the boards and a rugged man-to-man defense, propelled C-P toward another showdown with Lincoln. Memorial led 23-21 after one quarter but C-P surged ahead 41-33 at halftime and stayed in front. Jacko finished with 23 points and Minix and Mark Durden had 15 for C-P. Bob Dye and Clanton Harrison bagged 16 each for Memorial.

Nederland appeared to have let Woodville off the hook, but wiped out a three point deficit in the final 20 seconds. Mark Crain topped the Bulldogs

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Buna whips TJ

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with 17 points and hero Moore scored 16. Woodville's sharpshooting 6-1 guard Sylvester Blue put on the tourney's top individual performance with a 36 point outburst.

Forest Park came alive after a frigid first quarter produced only a 7-6 lead over SFA. By halftime it was 29-18 and the Trojans were on their [illegible] Jeff Otto gunned in 18 [illegible]other Jay added 15 for FP. Harold Jacobs bagged 20 for SFA.

The tourney opener was tight all the way with Beaumont overcoming Kountze in the final period. Larry Rochelle hit 24 for Beaumont.

First roun scores

Beaumont 59, Kountze 57
PN-G 69, Vioor 48
Lincoln 57, Baytown Lee 32
Nederland 73, Woodville 72, overtime
Forest Park 65, SFA 45
C-P 76, Memorial 66
South Park 58, Silsbee 54
Buna 57, Thomas Jefferson 51

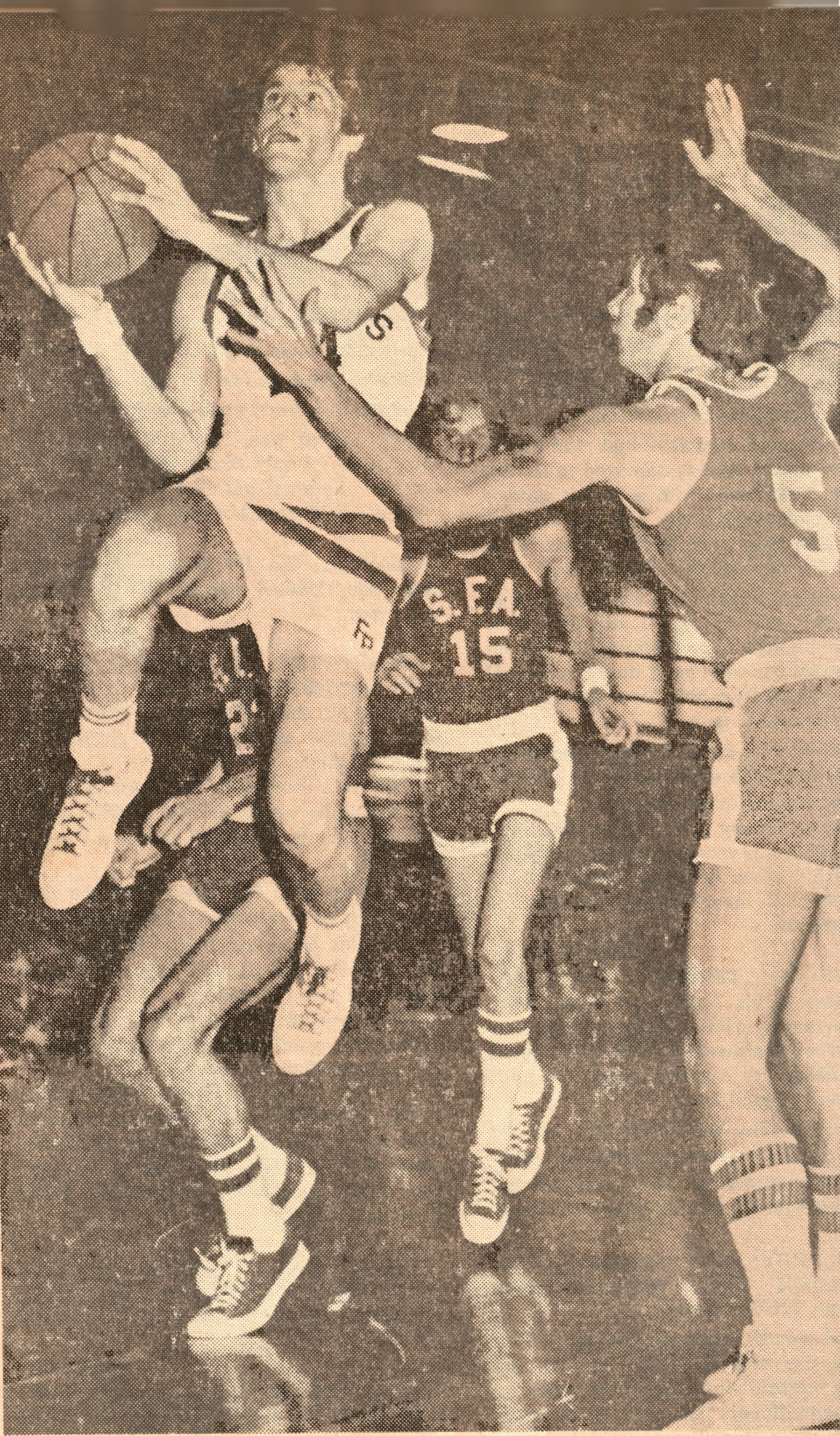
Friday's Pairings

Consolation Bracket

SFA vs Woodville, 9:30 a.m.
Kountze vs Memorial, 11 a.m.
Jefferson vs Vidor 1 p.m.
Silsbee vs. Baytown Lee, 4 p.m.

Winner's Bracket

Beaumont vs C-P, 2:30 p.m.
South Park vs Lincoln, 6 p.m.
Forest Park vs Nederland, 7:30 p.m.
Buna vs Port Neches-Groves, 9 p.m.



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Forest Park's Charles Weinbaum drives for two

TJ tournament scoring cha

Beaumont	14	12	18	15	59
Kountze	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	57

Beaumont: Rochelle (24), Galassi (11) Tyler (8) Jackson (12), Bass (2), Bobbitt (2)

Kountze: Butler (14) McCray (2) Brown (12) Wilson (16) Shaw (13)

PN-G	20	19	13	17	69
Vidor	4	14	12	18	43

Vidor: Wharton (8), Riddick (10) Hatton (2) Pues (5) Eman (7), Wilkerson (4), Harrison (6)

PN-G: Davis (16), Taylor (4), Speed (16), Mire (12), Brown (8), Allen (1), White (2), Williams (2), Kenney (4), Fry (2)

Baytown Lee	8	6	10	8	32
Lincoln	15	10	14	18	57

Lee: Elmore (8), Johnson (8), Irvin (6), Hazlewood (4), Jennings (6)

Lincoln: Ei ([illegible]), Evans (25), Glover (6), Trahan (2), Deal (1), Keller (2), Baker (3), Washington (4), Comeaux (2), Thomas (6)

Woodville	20	14	13	17	8	72
Nederland	18	20	6	20	10	73

Wooville: Moye (2), Jackson (6), Blue (36), Smith (17), Brazil (11)

Nederland: Crain (17), Mullens (9), Moore (16), Monk (4), Butler (2), Wilson (21), Breda (4)

SFA	6	12	10	17	45
Forest Park	7	22	21	15	65

SFA Guidry (8), Jacobs (20), Kethley (4), Wells (6), Wolfe (1), Graham (4), Weinbaum (6), Thom
(2), Driver (12), Hill (2
Jay Otto (15)

Memorial	23
C-P	21

Memorial: Coleman (
Echols (7), Harrison (
(14), Maxcy (3), Thompso

C-P: Minkins (6), Min
(23), Williams (9), Mars
en (15)

Silsbee	7
South Park	13

Silsbee: Simmons (10),
brecht (11), Dabney (14
Stanley (5)

South Park: Steve And
Anders (12), Miles (7),
Verde (10)

Buna	13
Thomas Jefferson	14

Buna: Richarson (9),
Flowers (10), O'Dell (8),
Jefferson: Provost (4)

TJ meet results

coln	fg	ft	tp	F. Park	fg	ft	tp
ans	6	3-3	15	Otto	8	0-2	16
	8	0-1	16	Weinbaum	1	0-0	2
ker	3	1-2	7	Pampe	1	2-2	4
meaux	3	0.0	6	Thomas	5	3-6	13
ller	2	0-0	6	Willis	2	3-4	7
al	2	0-0	4				
tals	24	4-6	52	Totals	17	8-14	42

THIRD PLACE

-G 14 15 12 19 — 60
22 27 34 31 —114

PN-G: Davis 12, Taylor 7, Speed 2, re 9, Williams 6, Brow n24.

C-P: Minkins 16, Minix 20, Jacko 14, rshall 9, Almond 10, Duplechain 7, orge 18, Jones 6, Brantly 12.

CONSOLATION FINAL

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morial 17 26 14 16 — 73

TJ: Ryal 16, Bobb 10, Coleman, 8, Afee 6, Bergman 3, Jackson 5, Guidry Roy 2.

Memorial: Williams 14, Harrison 13, e 13, Echols 13, Maxey 6, Thompson 4, el 6, Coleman 4, Mattingly 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIS

CP: Jacko 20, Minkins 13, Minix 8, Mar-

coln 14 17 19 23 — 73

Jacko 20, Minkins 13, Minix 8, Marall 10, Williams 1, Durden 1, Almond 3, plechain 3, Jones 2.

Lincoln: Evans 39, Eli 14, Keller 12, ahan 4, Glover 4.

-G 9 13 18 18 — 56
reSt Park 22 26 14 16 — 76

Forest Park: Jay Otto 27, Thomas 9 ver 8, Pampe 7, Weinbaum 6, Wilcox Hill 6, DuBois 1.

PN-G. Fry 14, Brown 12, Davis 8, ylor 8, Mire 7, Speed 2.

CONSOLATION SEMIS

morial 14 21 14 16 — 64
bee 4 13 15 11 — 43

Memorial: Williams 19 Harrison 20, eman 10, Mattingly 2, Noel 2, Echols Dye 2, Maxey 2.

ilsbee: Dabney 20, Simmons 6, Sapp 2 nley 3, Westbrook 2, Albrecht 10.

14 12 8 20 —54
Jefferson 10 14 18 16 — 58

FA: Jacobs 19 Kethley 19, Wells 8, fe 2, Graham 4, Jeanis 2.

Jefferson: McAfee 16, Coleman 12, dry 10, Ryal 7, Roy 4 Jackson 4 gman 2, Lackey 2, Gordon 1.

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BEE'S RUSSEL GLOVER (51) FINDS REBOUNDING A PROBLEM WITH EVANS

FP Trojans’ stall fails; Bees capture TJ meet

By LARRY BODIN.
News Sports Staff’

Coach Jim Gamble’s Lincoln high Bees overcame Forest Park’s stalling tactics Saturday night to capture their second consecutive Yellow Jacket basketball tourney, 52-42, before an enthusiastic, jammed-packed crowd at Jacket gym.

Charlton-Pollard, smarting from a 73-63 defeat to Lincoln in Saturday’s semis, took out their vengeance on Port Neches-Groves in the third place game, smashing the Indians in a Jacket-gymnasium record seittng fashion, 114-60.

Memorial had little trouble with Thomas Jefferson in the consolation finale, downing the Jackets, 73-51.

Minus two of their starters due to injuries in the tournament, Forest Park came out stalling against the Bees in the championship game and it had an effect on Lincoln early, but once they gained their composure, they thrust aside the Trojans bid for the biggest upset of the area schoolboy cage season.

“They did what they thought they had to do to win, and I’m not going to knock any coaches strategy but I don’t think a championship game should be played like this,” stated Gamble.

“Forest Park has an excellent ball club and we knew we would be in for a game, but we don’t care whether we win by one or by 100, just as long as we win.”

The Trojans didn’t take their first shot of the ball game until 4:17 left in the first period, but still at the end of the initial stanza, the score was tied at six-all.

The Bees, behind Kervin Eli in the second period and led at half 27-18.

Lincoln appeared ready to blow FP out of the gym at the beginning of the third period as they jumped out to a 41-25 margin, but someone forgot to tell the Trojans.

Behind the shooting of soph Jay Otto, Forest Park hit 12 points in a span of two and one-half minutes to cut the Bees lead to 41-37. But this was to be the closest they were to get as Lincoln made three consecutive field goals to put it out of reach.

Both teams traded baskets in the final period and the closest Forest Park came was eight points 50-42.

Eli led Lincoln in the scoring parade with 18, followed by Evans, who had a horrible night from the field, with 15.

Evans, averaging nearly 30 points per contest, managed only six of 19 from the field. Otto paced the losers with 16 tallies, while Glen Thomas tossed in 13.

Lincoln placed both Eli and Evans on the all-tournament team. These two were joined by Otto of Forest Park, Wilbert Marshall and Vernon Minix of Charlton-Pollard, and Bob Dye of Memorial.

Charlton - Pollard placed seven men in double figures in ripping PN-G in record-breaking fashion.

Leading the way were Minix with 20, Richard George with 81 and Ken Minkins had 16. The high point man in the contest was PN-G’s John Brown, who had a terrific night with 24.

In the consolation championship contest, Memorial used a 73 percent field goal accuracy in the first quarter to down Thomas Jefferson.

Memorial had four men in double figures with Craig Williams leading the way with 14. Thomas Jefferson’s Scott Ryal tossed in 16 in a losing cause.

Lincoln and Forest Park advanced to the championship title match with victories over Charlton-Pollard and Port Neches-Groves.

The Bees rode the 39-point performance of Evans to a relatively ease 73-63 win over C-P and the Trojans gained a berth in the finals with 76-56 romp over PN-G

Billed as what was to be the “big game” in the meet, failed to materalize, as Lincoln jumped out to a lead in the early going and never relinquished it.

It was the Bees first victory over Bob Woodard’s Bulldogs this year. Earlier C-P had downed the Bees 72-70 in overtime in Beaumont and 68-61 in the semifinals at Nederland.

“We changed out tactics in the first quarter and it threw C-P off a bit and this kept early big lead.” commented Gamble.

The tactics Gamble employed was to assign Chuck Baker to C-P’s spectacular shooting forward, Charles Jacko, and Baker continually harrassed Jacko in the first period and held him scoreless and it set the stage for the entire contest.

Gamble was also proud of his kids defensive efforts as just Friday the Bulldogs massacured Beaumont 106-62.

“The Pearl,” again, as always, paced the Bees a sparkling 39-point contest, banging in 16 field goals and seven of 14 from the charity stripe. Lincoln also received standout performances from Kerwin Eli with 14, and sophomore George Keller with 12.

Even though Baker did an excellent job on Jacko in the early going, the C-P senior got on track in the second half and finished with 20. Another thing which aided the Lincoln win was holding guard Kenneth Minkins to just 13 points, 12 of which came in the last period.

In the other championship semifinal, crippled Forest Park used the outside marksmanship of sophomore Jay Otto to bury PN-G. Otto ripped for 27 to lead a scorers. PN-G got fine efforts from Steve Fry with 14 and John Brown with 12, but the Indians couldn’t overcome a 26-point deposit at halftime, 48-22.

Forest Park was playing without the services of ace guard Jeff Otto, who severly injured an ankle Friday, and Paul Driver, who went out in the first period Saturday with a sprained ankle.

Memorial and Thomas Jefferson rode into the consolation championship with wins over Silsbee and Stephen F Austin, respectively.

Thomas Jefferson and SFA both playing without top scores Mike Miller and Ken Guidry, respectively, battled it out until the final gun with the Jackets sinking severa crucial free throws in the fina minutes to hold off a gallan Austin Rally.

TJ’s Ken McAfee hit five of six pressurized charity tosses in the final 1:42 to send the finals. McAfee led the Jackets into the consolation finals. McAfee led the Jackets with 16 points, while Harold Jacobs and Huelette Kethley both had yoeman efforts with 19 each in a losing cause.

TJ’s Miller banged up an ankle in the Jackets tourney opener, while Guidry tore several ligaments in his ankle in SFA’s romp over Woodville. Guidry, the Eagles top scorer and rebounder all year long, underwent corrective surgery Saturday morning and will be lost to the Austinites for the year.

Memorial rolled past Silsbee 61-43 in the other consolation semifinal.

Victory sweet as Vidor tops TJ

Take it from Vidor coach Bob Gough.

"Winning always is sweet, but this one was something special."

A Pirate fan has flashed the information that Friday's 55-49 victory was Vidor's first, ever, over Thomas Jefferson.

Splice that historical tidbit to the Buccaneers' 5-13 non conference record and it's easy to undertand why Gough always will have a fond memory of the District 22-4A opener.

"We lost to TJ by two points in the tournament here during the holidays, but the boys kept their poise tonight," he said. "What kept us glued together in the fourth quarter when they were making their move was our ability to score some free throws."

The Jackets trailed by 12 points both at the start and midway of the fourth period. Vidor lost high scoring Tim Wharton and another starter, Steve Cady, on fouls while the Jackets launched a 22-point binge.

But the Jackets also fouled heavily during their rally and Vidor converted 10 of 13 free throw attempts to compensate for a long dry spell from the field.

When he exited with 3:43 to go, Wharton had 18 points and none who went the distance topped that mark. Quick-stepping Melvin Riddick was Vidor's No. 2 scorer with 17 points.

Thomas Jefferson suffered through a miserable third quarter. The ball simply refused to go through the hoop and Vidor boosted a 27-21 halftime lead to 39-27.

Yellow Jacket playmaker Brent Guidry scored half of his 12 points in the last 90 seconds and Scotty Ryal closed with 11 points, six of them coming in the last quarter, before he was charged with his fifth foul with 1:45 to go.

Another Jacket who saved his best for last was Tofedius Coleman, who blocked two shots and scored four of his 10 points in the fourth period.

The Yellow Jackets, suffering their fifth straight loss, led 7-6 and 11-10 on shots by Guidry before Wharton and Riddick found the range. In a five-minute stretch, Vidor opened a 25-14 lead.

TJ made quick inroads when Danny Provost came off the bench to sink two field goals. Drew Bergman rebounded and tapped the ball in and the Jackets trailed by only six points at halftime.

Wharton scored eight points in the third quarter and Mike Pues' bucket at the 3:00 mark sent Vidor ahead by 35-23.

Ryal started his charge then and renewed it in the fourth quarter with help from Coleman, Bubba Jackson and Guidry. Vidor's lead dwindled to 41-35 but the Pirates were tough at the free throw line and finally ended their field goal drouth with Mike Cooksley's shot with 3.59 to play.

Thomas Jefferson's JV scuttled Vidor, 79-58, on a 31-point barrage by Max Minter.

VIDOR (55)	fg	ft	tp	T J(49)	fg	ft	tp
Wharton	8	2-4	18	Guidry	6	0-0	12
Riddick	7	3-5	17	Jackson	2	1-2	5
Hatton	1	3-4	5	Coleman	3	4-11	10
Pues	1	5-6	7	Roy	1	0-1	2
Cady	2	0-1	4	Ryal	5	1-2	11
VanEman	0	0-0	0	Lackey	0	3-3	3
Cooksley	2	0-0	4	Provost	2	0-0	4
				Bergman	1	0-0	2
				Bobb	0	0-0	0
				Watkins	0	0-0	0
Totals	21	13-20	55	Totals	20	9-19	49

Score by Quarters

Vidor	13	14	12	16—55
Thomas Jeff.	11	10	6	22—49

BRENT GUIDRY

22-4A Standings

School	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Lincoln	10	0	68	57
Vidor	1	0	55	49
Nederland	1	0	53	51
Port Neches-Groves	0	1	51	53
Thomas Jefferson	0	1	49	55
Orange Stark	0	1	57	68

This Week's Schedule

TUESDAY

Thomas Jefferson at Stark
Nederland at Vidor
Lincoln at Port Neches-Groves

FRIDAY

Port Neches-Groves at Thomas Jefferson.
Lincoln at Nederland
Orange Stark at Vidor

Free throws help Trojans beat TJ

By RICK ANDERSON
News Sports Staff

BEAUMONT — Thomas Jefferson Coach Ken DeWeese is not complaining—he would just like to have his fair share.

The equal split DeWeese is referring to is free throw shots, and it was a noticeable overbalance in Forest Park's favor which led to a 64-58 victory for the Trojans over the visiting Yellow Jackets Tuesday night.

"Actually it was our inability to score from close in that hurt our chances to win," sighed DeWeese following the loss which lowered the Jackets record to 7-15. "But to have to admit that it is pretty rare to make four more field goals than your opponent and still lose by six points."

The Jackets finished with 25 field goals to 21 for the Trojans, but made only 8 of 13 free throws to 22 of 39 for the winners.

Thomas Jefferson's only sag of the night came in the final three minutes of the first half when Forest Park broke a virtual deadlock by scoring 10 straight points to grab a 33-26 advantage.

Before the Trojans' big spurt, TJ had held the lead on 10 different occasions despite the fact that its first charity toss did not come until less than three minutes remained in the second stanza.

Meanwhile, the Trojans had managed to drop through 10 of 16 attempts which enabled them to keep pace with the Jackets field goal accuracy.

Forest Park, which will jump into District 21-4A competition sporting a lusty 16-6 record, increased its margin to 11 points at the end of the third quarter as Jay Otto successfully tested out an injury for six points and younger brother Jeff added another half dozen.

The margin was never less than 11 until midway through the fourth period when TJ made five straight points to cut it back to eight.

The Jackets then crept to within five at 62-57 with 1:27 remaining, but suffered under the basket without the services of postman Scott Ryal who fouled out with 2:05 remaining, and could not keep up the momentum.

Trojan Coach John Callahan was not entirely pleased with his teams' performance but did say "they showed great poise when it would have been easy to fold."

Callahan was also pleased with the efforts of Jay Otto, who played only half the game but still contributed 16 points. "I think Jay will definitely be able to start Friday," said Callahan, "But Paul Driver will probably see very little action and will not be full strength until next week." Driver, the Trojans starting guard, is still recovering from an ankle injury and played only briefly Tuesday.

Brent Guidry was the floor sparkplug for the Trojans as the quick-moving guard hit for 18 points, while Tofedius Coleman made 17. Glenn Thomas led the Trojans with 18, followed by Jay Otto and Jeff Otto with 12.

T J	fg	ft	tp	F P	fg	ft	tp
(58)				(64)			
Ryal	2	3-4	7	Jeff Otto	6	0-2	12
Coleman	7	3-7	17	Pampe	1	3-4	5
Ray	4	0-0	8	W'b'm	2	3-6	7
Jackson	3	0-0	6	Thomas	5	8 13-	18
Guidry	8	2-2	18	Wilcox	0	3-5	3
Provost	0	0-0	0	Driver	0	1-3	1
Bobb	0	0-0	0	Willis	1	0-0	2
McAfee	0	0-0	0	Jay Otto	6	4-6	16
Totals	25	8-13	58	Totals	21	22-39	64

Thomas Jeff.	16	10	14	18—58
Forest P.	16	17	18	13—64

Schoolboy basketball roundup

Indians hope to derail Bees

Port Neches-Groves, the only District 22-4A team besides Lincoln to have at least a break even record, will need an upset of staggering proportions to be able to make that statement tomorrow.

Phil Endicott's Indians, 10-10, host the powerful Bees tonight in an attempt to derail the Lincoln title express. Jim Gamble's club is 18-4 overall and 1-0 in district after easily dropping Orange Stark, 68-57, last week.

Elsewhere in 22-4A tonight, Nederland and Vidor, a pair of surprise first round winners, square off in Vidor while Thomas Jefferson and Orange Stark tangle in Orange. Both will be looking for their initial 22-4A triumphs.

Lincoln, paced by 6-6 Earl Evans who carries a 27 point average, has won 16 of its last 18 starts. PN-G, meanwhile, has never been more than two games above .500 or two games below it. The Tribe is paced by Shaun Davis at 13 points per game.

PN-G was upset in its district opener last week in Nederland, 53-51. A bright spot in the defeat was the play of 6-3 junior Paul Williams who came off the bench to score 12 points and grab 11 rebounds.

Thomas Jefferson, struggling with a 7-16 record, will again be an underdog at St 9-10. Without leading sco Mike Miller, out for the year with a leg injury, the Jackets look to Brent Guidry and Tofedius Coleman for the bulk of their scoring. TJ was upset by Vidor, 55-49, in its league opener.

Stark, led by Charles Sprott, blasted the Jackets 90-59 at the West Orange tourney in December. The Tigers have been having their troubles of late, though, losing eight of the last 10.

Nederland, 6-15, and Vidor, 6-13, are an unlikely pair to be battling for a share of the league lead. The winner could possibly be all alone at the top should PN-G shock Lincoln. If Nederland and Lincoln win the two will battle for the lead Friday in Nederland.

In District 10-3A action tonight Stephen F. Austin finds itself in the path of Silsbee's steamroller. Don Montgomery's Tigers come calling in hopes of extending their East Zone leading mark to 5-0. SFA is 0-3 in district and 9-12 for theseason.

Elsewhere it'll be Jasper, 2-1, at West Orange, 2-1, and Bridge City, 1-3, at Little Cypress, 1-2. In the West Zone Livingston, 1-2, tests Cleveland, 4-0, Liberty, 1-3, goes to Crosby, 3-1, and New Caney, 12 is at Hardin-Jefferson, 1-3.

TJ notches first 22-4 A cage win

Yellow Jackets upset Stark Tigers

By CHARLES FRANKLIN
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ORANGE — The Thomas Jefferson Yellow Jackets pulled off a mild upset by defeating the highly regarded Stark Tigers 60-53 in crucial District 22-4A battle Tuesday night.

Jacket first year coach Ken DeWeese said, "I am real proud of the way the players handled themselves through out the game. All of Port Arthur can be proud of them. They did a fantastic job hustling."

Tofedius Coleman led the Jackets in scoring with 20 points and was the game leader with 12 rebounds. "Stark's coach Billy Brown said, Coleman made the big difference. He kept making the big basket that kept us from catching up. We tried a lot of different defenses on him but he still came through to get the clutch basket that hurt us."

Brown continued, "I can't see how we lost tonight after beating them by thirty points earlier this season." Stark defeated the Jackets 90-59 in the West-Orange tournament a month ago. "We are not playing together enough. The mistakes hurt us a lot, but we have too many individuals playing for themselves and not enough team work.

Stark led briefly 8-7 and 10-8 mid-way the first period. The score was tied 2-2, 4-4, 8-8, 10-10 and 12-12 before Coleman's first field goal made it 14-12 and the Jackets were ahead to stay.

The Tigers could manage only a couple of free throws in the first four minutes of the second stanza while Jefferson made three straight field goals to open the gap to 27-19. The half-time score was 29-24 as Stark made five big points just as the Jackets were about to blow things open.

Three times in the third period the Tikers got within one point, but Thomas Jefferson managed to make the last bucket in the quarter to lead 43-40 going into the final frame.

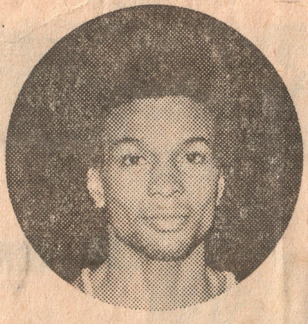
Evan Feathers got the Tigers within one point when he opened the final quarter scoring with a short jump shot. Joe Bobb, a Jacket reserve, pumped in a field goal to keep the pressure on Stark. Bubba Jackson, who scored 17 points, followed with two free throws and it was not until the last two minutes before the Tigers got within one again.

Charles Sprott the game's leading scorer made a good move inside to score his team's last two points with 1:54 left in the game. With the pressure on the Tigers forced some long shots that fell off the rim.

Six Stark fouls from that point resulted in nine free throw attempts for the hustling Jackets. They made five of the charity shots and a lone field goal in those last two minutes.

Last season the Tigers were co-champs and were favored along with Lincoln to be the teams to beat. Now the Tigers find themselves with an 0-2 record in loop play. "I hope we can pull ourselves together and get after Vidor," said Brown. The Tigers travel to Vidor for a district match Friday. Vidor is a surprising 2-0 in loop play.

Thomas Jefferson evened its district record at 1-1 and will host the Port Neches-Groves Indians Friday at 7:30.



TOFEDIUS COLEMAN
. . . has hot hand

Schoolboy Scoreboard

22-4A

Vidor 62, Nederland 55
Jefferson 60, Stark 53
Lincoln 78, Port Neches-Groves 39

10-3A

Silsbee 78, SFA 55
West Orange 41, Jasper 35
Little Cypress 90, Bridge City 37
Cleveland 71, Livingston 44
Hardin-Jefferson 71, New Caney 55

49-B

Sabine Pass 39, High Island 27

T. JEFF.	fg	ft	tp	STARK (53)	fg	ft	tp
Roy	0	1-2	1	Sprott	8	5-7	21
Coleman	7	6 1	0 2	F'thers	5	0-0	10
Lackey	0	0-0	0	Thomas	0	4-5	4
Ryal	3	1-2	7	Brdlove	5	0-0	10
Jackson	6	5-7	17	Smith	2	0-0	4
Watkns	3	0-0	6	Morris	1	0-0	2
Bobb	1	0-2	2	Barker	1	0-0	2
Guidry	1	5-8	7				
Totals	21	18-31	60	Totals	22	9-12	53

T. Jeff.	19	10	14	17—60
Stark	17	7	16	13—53

Jackets dump Vidor, 47-41

Revenge for TJ cagers

By BURT DARDEN
News Sports Staff

VIDOR — Thomas Jefferson's Yellow Jackets came up with the loose ball and that's what basketball is all about.

At least that's the way Jacket coach Ken DeWeese explained TJ's 47-41 District 22-4A victory over Vidor Friday night.

"It's a shame we don't have time to enjoy this one," noted DeWeese, whose TJ team had the dubious distinction of being the first to lose to Vidor in the history of the school last month when district play opened.

"But we have to start thinking about Orange Stark. I'm sure they will be more than ready for us Friday."

TJ stunned Orange Stark, 60-53, on the latter's home court the first time around.

"I am happy to win," he continued. "We needed this one." Jefferson's record is now 11-17 on the season and 4-2 in district.

Bubba Jackson gunned in 16 points, Scot Ryal, 10, Brent Guidry 9 and Johnny Roy 8 to pace Jefferson.

"Everybody came through when they had to. Everybody who played contributed something," noted DeWeese.

"Jackson shot real well and Johnny Roy hit some real important buckets. Scot Ryal had 15 rebounds and Tofedius Coleman 10. They really got on the boards because we only got 38."

Vidor only managed 21 rebounds but Pirate coach Bob Gough refused to list only a deficiency on the boards as the reason for the loss.

"We've just hit a slump. I can't point out any one thing because we aren't playing well in almost every phase of the game," declared Gough, whose Pirates are now 7-17 on the season and 2-4 in district. The Pirates have now dropped four straight.

Three Vidor players hit in twin digits. Melvin Reddick, the Bucs' long range bomber, pumped in 12 points, Tim Wharton had 11 and Mike Pues 10.

It was almost as if Jefferson was destined to enjoy a permanent seven point cushion. Two field goals apiece from Guidry and Jackson, one from Roy and four Ryal free throws gave TJ a 14-7 first period lead.

The Pirates made their final bid midway in the final quarter. Trailing by 11 points, 44-33, Reddick, Pues and Steve Cady put together three straight Vidor Buckets to trim the deficit to five points.

Ryal was a victim of circumstance in the game. The official book credited him with five fouls when he fouled with 2:16 left in the game.

Actually, Ryal only had four fouls. When Roy fouled earlier in the period both Roy and Ryal raised their hands. Instead of giving Roy a foul Ryal got credited with the infraction and later "fouled" out before he had five fouls.

"There wasn't anything we could do about Ryal. I knew he only had four fouls but you have to go with the official scorekeeper in a situation like that. The official book is law," pointed out referee Willie Weimar.

TJ (47)	fg	ft	tp
Guidry	3	3-4	9
Jackson	8	0-1	16
Roy	4	0-0	8
Coleman	2	0-0	4
Ryal	3	4-5	10
Watkins	0	0-0	0
Bergman	0	0-0	0
Totals	20	7-10	47

Vidor (41)	fg	ft	tp
Wharton	4	3-4	11
Reddick	5	0-2	12
Hatton	1	0-0	2
Pues	4	2-2	10
Van Eman	1	0-0	2
Cady	2	0-0	4
Cooksley	1	0-0	2
Gowin	0	0-0	0
Totals	18	5-8	41

Thomas Jefferson	14	16	10	7—47
Vidor	7	10	12	12—41

Jacket rally scalps

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

For a team which hit rock bottom a week ago and was being given up for dead, Thomas Jefferson is all of a sudden very much alive and kicking in the District 22-4A basketball chase.

Ken DeWeese's Yellow Jackets made it two wins in a row Friday night with a sizzling 63-60 come-from-behind triumph over Port Neches-Groves. The victory vaulted TJ into a second place tie and set the stage for a shootout with defending champion Lincoln Tuesday afternoon.

Listless for three quarters against PN-G, the Jackets rallied behind Scott Ryal, Bubba Jackson and Johnny Roy to wipe out what had been a nine point Indian lead. A pair of free throws by Roy tied the count at 49 with 5:31 left and a short jumper by Ryal put the Jackets on top seconds later.

It took a pair of charity shots by Ryal at the 2:18 mark to put TJ ahead for good, however, as John Brown's deadly shooting enabled PN-G to fight back. Ryal's gift tosses made it 57-55 and TJ eventually stretched out to 63-57 before the Indians scored the final three points.

"This was a great one for us to win because we didn't play well at all the first three quarters," sighed Jacket Coach Ken Deweese. "The way we played the fourth quarter was the way we looked the entire game at Stark."

Ryal, playing one of his strongest games of the year, topped the Jackets with 18 points and seven rebounds. Half his point total came in the final period as Jefferson began taking the ball inside instead of firing from the perimeter.

Jackson and Roy joined Ryal in double digits with 13 and 10 points respectively. Shaun Davis was the Indians' big gun, despite sitting out half the game with foul problems. Davis bagged 16 points and took down eight rebounds. Brown added 13 points and Randy Speed collected 12.

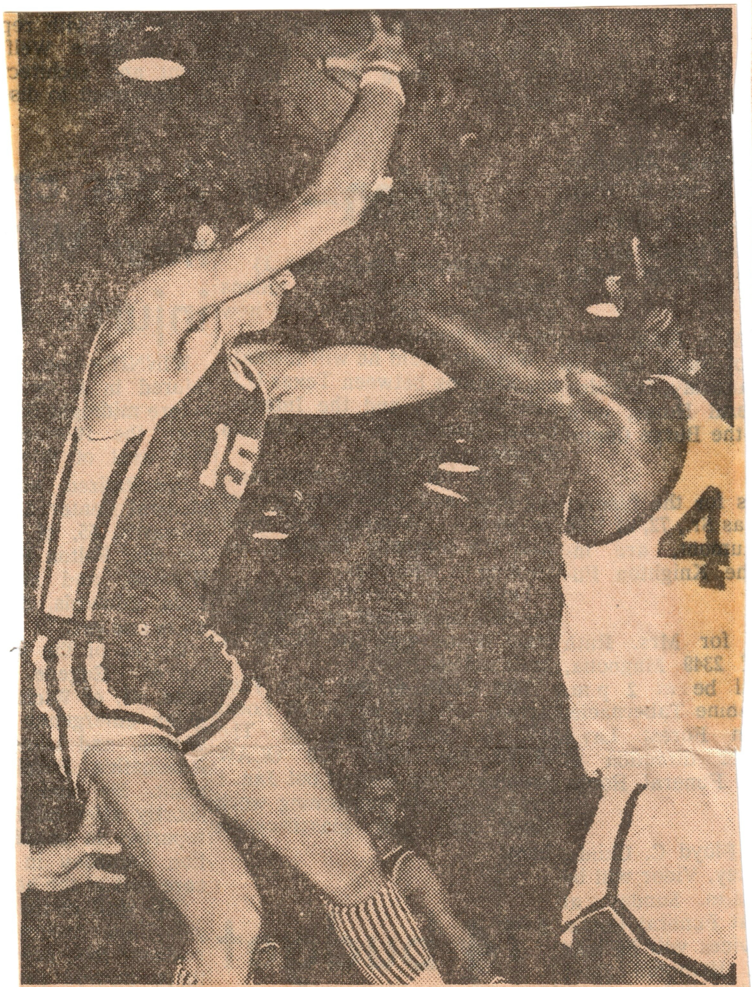
It's doubtful TJ would have been in position to come back had Davis been able to play all the way. The 6-5 senior was chewing up the Jackets inside, both from the floor and on the boards. He had 13 points by intermission as PN-G broke from a 12-12 first period deadlock to a 29-22 halftime lead.

"We had hoped to keep the ball away from Davis, but we didn't do a very good job," shrugged DeWeese. "It's hard to believe how much that kid

SCOTT RYAL
. . . sparks TJ rally

PN-G.	fg	ft	tp	TJ	fg	ft	tp
Davis	6	4-6	16	Coleman	0	0-0	0
Taylor	3	3-6	9	Guidry	2	1-4	5
Speed	5	2-3	12	Ryal	5	8-11	18
Mire	0	0-0	0	Jackson	4	5-5	13
Brown	6	1-2	13	Roy	2	6-9	10
Allen	1	2-2	4	Watkins	4	1-1	9
White	1	0-0	2	Bobb	2	0-0	4
Williams	2	0-1	4	Provost	2	0-0	4
				Totals			
Totals	24	12-20	60	Totals	21	21-30	63

Port Neches-Groves	12	17	16	15—60
Thomas Jeff.	12	10	16	25—63



HUSTLING DEFENSE BY PN-G
. . . Randy White steals pass from Joe Bobb

Tribe

has improved. We just weren't able to do anything at all with him."

Jefferson actually pulled the game out with clutch free throw shooting in the fourth period. Only eight of 15 at the charity stripe through three periods, TJ made 13 of 15 down the stretch, including 10 in a row.

With the outcome still very much in doubt, Roy and Jackson each converted the one and one twice while Ryal did it once. Jackson's second conversion at the 48 second mark put the game on ice.

PN-G wound up with three more field goals than TJ, 24-21, but the Indians converted only 12 of 20 free throws while TJ sank 21 of 30. Turnovers were fairly close with the Tribe committing 16 to the Jackets' 13.

The loss was the Indians' third straight in district play leaving them all alone in the cellar. Two of the three loop setbacks, however, have come by a grand total of five points. For the season PN-G stands 10-12. It marks only the second time all year the Indians have been as many as two games under .500.

TJ is up to 2-1 and 9-16 going into its shootout with Lincoln. While DeWeese wanted to savor the Jackets' sudden turnabout he couldn't for fretting over how to stop the Bees and Earl "The Pearl" Evans.

"I just wish we could go over there and get the effort for 32 minutes that we had in the 4th quarter tonight," he exclaimed. "we're going to have to if we hope to have any chance of winning."

BIG JOB FOR JACKETS' LITTLE MAN
. . . Brent Guidry, 5-7, shoots over 6-5 Shaun Davis

Victory avenged 31-point setback

TJ upset boost for DeWeese

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Count Thomas Jefferson basketball Coach Ken DeWeese among those who subscribe to the theory that, "Winning isn't everything but it beats anything which comes in second best."

DeWeese, in his first year as the Yellow Jackets' cage boss, was a new man Wednesday following his team's shocking 60-53 victory over Stark in Orange. The triumph snapped a five game losing streak and avenged a 90-59 beating Stark hung on TJ six weeks ago.

Although the win merely lifted the Jackets' overall record to 8-16 and their District 22-4A mark to 1-1, it was a terrific mental lift to all involved. Things had gotten to the point where just going through the motions of playing out the schedule would really not have been startling.

"We haven't had a lot of good things happen to us this season, but winning a game like the one with Stark makes all the effort worthwhile," said DeWeese. "Losing is no fun and it was starting to get everybody down, myself included."

DeWeese was quick to give credit to his players for not adopting a defeatist attitude. "Beating Stark says a lot for this bunch of kids. We didn't do anything drastically different and our shooting was below par. But they took the floor in the right frame of mind and hustled as well as they have all season."

The frustrations of losing were beginning to weigh heavily on the youthful DeWeese. He knew it wasn't going to be easy installing his fast-paced style of play in a situation were methodical pattern bsketball had been the rule for years. But the transition has been tougher than anyone could have anticipated.

To top it off just about the time the Jackets seemed ready to make their move, leading scorer Mike Miller was lost for the season with a leg injury. Miller was not only the team's most dependable scorer, he was valuable defensively and as a leader.

"Losing Mike bothered the kids quite a bit," admitted DeWeese. "They had a lot of confidence in him, then all of a sudden he was gone. But if you let a setback keep you down very long you might as well call it quits. I think the win over Stark proved nobody wants to give up."

Big gun in Tuesday's night's decision was 5-11 Tofedius Coleman. Coleman pumped in 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. "Anytime a kid that size gets 15 rebounds you know he's working his tail off," lauds DeWeese. "I haven't checked the stats lately but I imagine he's now our leading scorer and rebounder."

DeWeese also had praise for his scrappy floorman Brent Guidry. "Brent only scored seven points but he had six or seven steals and even had seven rebounds. I'd hate to think where we'd be without him," sighed the TJ mentor.

With a 1-1 district record, the Jackets can't be counted out of the 22-4A race since only two teams are better off. Realistically speaking, though, a second place finish is about all that can be expected. It's very, very difficult to see anybody unseating Lincoln.

"I'm not going to concede anything," DeWeese asserts. "I think Lincoln can be beat, although anybody in the district would have to play practically a perfect game to do it. We'll give it our best shot and if that's not enough we'll do our best to defeat everybody else."

Next up for the Jackets is Port Neches-Groves, 0-2. A win in that Friday night contest at TJ would set up a Tuesday afternoon showdown with Lincoln. At the moment DeWeese is thinking only of PN-GF.

"They're due for a good game, so we'll have to be at our best. I hope the kids have embedded in their minds how much more fun it is to win. It's a great habit."

KEN DEWEESE
. . . TJ coach happy

DISTRICT 22-4A STANDINGS

	District Games						All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.
Lincoln	2	0	1.000	—	146	96	19	4	.826
Vidor	2	0	1.000	—	117	104	7	13	.350
Jefferson	1	1	.500	1	109	108	8	16	.333
Nederland	1	1	.500	1	108	113	6	16	.273
PN-G	0	2	.000	2	90	131	10	11	.476
Stark	0	2	.000	2	110	128	9	11	.450

Tuesday's Results

Lincoln 78, Port Neches-Groves 39
Thomas Jefferson 60, Stark 53
Vidor 62, Nederland 55

Friday's Games

Port Neches-Groves at Jefferson
Lincoln at Nederland
Stark at Vidor

District 22-4A
Top Ten Scorers

Player, School	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Earl Evans, Lincoln	2	23	9	55	27.5
Charles Sprott, Stark	2	18	5	41	20.5
Melvin Riddick, Vidor	2	13	6	32	16.0
Tofedius Coleman, TJ	2	10	10	30	15.0
Tim Wharton, Vidor	2	11	2	24	12.0
James Deal, Lincoln	2	12	0	24	12.0
Randy Monk, Ned.	2	11	2	24	12.0
Kervin Ell, Lincoln	2	11	1	23	11.5
Bubba Jackson TJ	2	8	6	22	11.0
Leroy Breedlove, Stark	2	11	0	22	11.0

Bees win 4th league game

By BURT DARDEN
News Sports Staff

When you talk about Lincoln's basketball team to Thomas Jefferson coach Ken DeWeese, you talk in two terms.

(1) Lincoln with Earl Evans.

(2) Lincoln without Earl Evans.

With Earl "The Pearl" Evans in the lineup Lincoln raced to its fourth District 22-4A victory without a setback Tuesday afternoon. The Bumble Bees rang up a 97-49 victory to boost their season record to 21-4.

Even without Evans in the lineup the Bees would have scored a fairly decisive victory, 65-49. But with the 6-7 junior in the lineup the game was a genuine romp.

"Lincoln is a fine basketball team. They work real well together. But they aren't 48 points better than us," sighed DeWeese.

"Two people made the difference in the game," continued DeWeese. "Earl Evans and James Deal."

"Evans is one of the finest high school basketball players in the country. I'd have to say he might be one of the top 10 juniors in the country, if not the best junior in the country," asserted DeWeese.

DeWeese maintained he wasn't on a one coach campaign to make Evans all-world.

"I just think Evans is a real fine player. Without him in this district all six teams would be real even. He dominates everything so completely. It's a shame this isn't a real competitive league. There's no telling how good Evans could be if he were pushed a little," noted the first year Jefferson coach.

Evans' 32 point production was his highest output thus far in district play. His performance is even more awesome considering he did not score until he hit a short jumper after nabbing a rebound with 1:48 left in the first quarter.

"They confused us a little at first. I didn't know what they were doing to Earl," said Bee coach Jim Gamble.

"TJ was throwing up a zone and then boxing Earl off so he couldn't get to the ball. It worked pretty well for a while. I'll say this about Coach DeWeese, he came over here to play his kind of basketball. He didn't try to change everything up just to play us."

Believe it or not TJ held a 20-16 lead over Lincoln with 6:30 remaining in the second period. Then Lincoln began to chip away at the TJ lead. A total of 28 Yellow Jacket turnovers helped immensely.

Evans hit a jumper with 4:16 left in the half to snap a 24-24 tie and from then on it was all Lincoln. The Bees extended their lead to 41-28 by intermission.

Deal let Evans do his handy work in the second half. Deal ended up with 20 points, 18 of which were scored in the first half.

The big explosion came in the third period where Lincoln scored 16 points in a row to stretch out its lead to 28 points.

Gamble began to substitute even more liberally in the fourth period. The Bees had so much momentum going, a wild shot by 5-6 guard Arthur Como brought the crowd to its feet when the Bees hit 93 on the scoreboard.

"They were doing everything right and we were doing everything wrong. We'll just have to work on it," summed up DeWeese.

TJ's record slipped to 9-17 on the season and 2-2 in district.

TJ (49)	fg	ft	tp	Lincoln (97)	fg	ft	tp
Ryal	0-0	3-4	3	Eli	6	1-2	13
Guidry	5	0-1	10	Evans	13	6-7	32
Clark	1	0-0	2	Deal	9	2-2	20
Bergman	0	0-0	0	Keller	5	0-0	10
Bobb	1	1-3	3	Trahan	1	1-2	3
Roy	7	3-4	17	Baker	1	1-2	3
Jackson	4	2-2	10	Washington	2	1-2	5
Coleman	4	2-2	10	Comeaux	1	0-0	2
				Charles	0	1-2	1
				Glover	2	0-0	4
				Johnson	3	0-0	6
Totals	19	11-17	49	Totals	42	13-19	97

Thomas Jefferson 14..14...7..14.....-.97
Lincoln 16 25 26 28 - 97

‘Snowbreak’ downs Stark at last buzzer

By JOHN DeVILLIER
News Sports Staff

The ninth-inning home run and the touchdown bomb have a new and volatile cousin at Yellow Jacket gym.

Thomas Jefferson wiped out a seven-point deficit with court-length passes Friday then in desperation went the same route in the last seconds to pull out a 55-53 victory over Orange Stark.

The Tigers missed a shot with the score tied 53-all, and William Watkins tipped the rebound to Bubba Jackson, who hummed the ball all the way to substitute Joe Bobb.

Camped under the Stark basket, Bobb feinted once to escape Stark defenders collapsing on him then went up on the boards for the winning layup.

Those with peripheral vision noticed the clock showed one second as the ball plunged through the net.

The victory gave coach Ken DeWeese's Yellow Jackets a 5-2 record and absolute control of second place in the waning District 22-4A race. Stark was a challenger for the runnerup spot before the loss dropped the Tigers to 3-4.

It would be inaccurate to call TJ's secret weapon a “snowbird,” because there also is a fast-break element involved. “Snowbreak” or “fast-bird” might be a better term.

Only the cast was different as the Jackets used the big play in the third quarter to wrest the momentum from Stark. Instead of Jackson and Bobb, the throw-and-go guys were Scot Ryal and Brent Guidry, and they pulled it off three times.

The first Ryal-to-Guidry strike narrowed what had been a 30-23 Orange lead to 32-31. Guidry, who scored all of his game-high 15 points in the second half, put the Jackets ahead with two free throws.

Ryal handled two more rebounds, pivoted and threw far downcourt to the fleeing Guidry, and it was the Jackets by 43-40 at the end of three quarters. In the Jackets' 20-point spurt, Ryal also tapped in a rebound and canned two free throws.

The Tigers tied the score three times in the final period before going ahead 53-51 on Donald Mosby's goal with 40 seconds left.

Guidry tied the score 13 seconds later on a shot from the corner.

Orange worked the ball in for what could have been the clincher, but Watkins came up with the rebound. Bobb, Jackson's partner in the last-ditch maneuver, was playing for Johnny Roy, who fouled out with 3:43 to go.

DeWeese says the Jackets work on the long pass in practice. “But I'd hate to try to duplicate that last one,” he said.

Next to Guidry in Jacket scoring was Jackson, who finished with 10 points after scoring on three 15-footers in the first quarter. Ryal and Watkins closed with eight apiece.

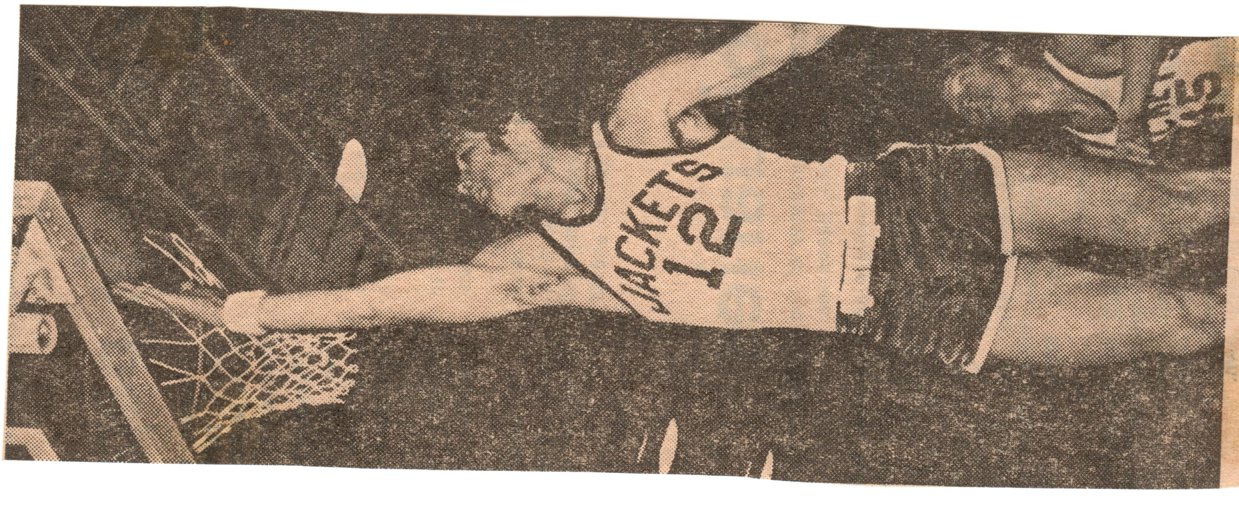
Leroy Breedlove led the Tigers with 13, followed by Charley Sprott with nine.

Thomas Jefferson won the preliminary, 66-48, sparked by Max Minter's 21 points.

TJ			(55)	**Stark**			(53)
	fg	**ft**	**tp**		**fg**	**ft**	**tp**
Guidry	6	3-3	15	Breedlove	6	1-2	13
Ryal	3	2-2	8	Thomas	2	2-2	6
Jackson	5	0-0	10	Feathers	3	1-2	7
Coleman	2	0-0	4	Sprott	4	1-4	9
Lackey	0	1-2	1	Salter	2	4-4	8
Roy	3	1-2	7	Smith	3	0-1	C
Watkins	4	0-1	8	Rolen	0	2-2	2
Bobb	1	0-0	2	Mosby	1	0-0	2
Totals	24	7-10	55	**Totals**	21	11-17	53

Stark 10 20 10 13—53
Thomas Jefferson 12 11 20 12—55

Team Fouls: Stark 15, TJ 17
Fouled out: Roy, TJ.



BRENT GUIDRY
. . . fast breaker

(Staff Photo by David Woo)

JACKET TEAMMATES MOB JOE BOBB (43) AFTER WINNING BUCKET

. . . TJ sub's field goal wins game with one second left on clock

Jackets Finish With Second

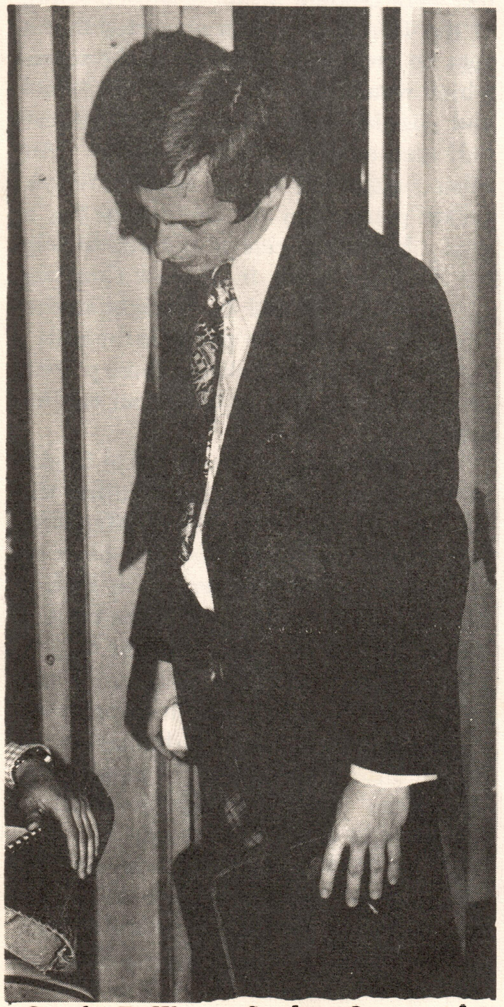
A last minute lay-up by Joe Bobb took the tiger out of Orange's tank 55-53. A rebound by Scott Ryal started off the winning play, with a bullet pass to Bubba Jackson and a floor-length throw to Joe Bobb completing the action and scoring. It was another one of those games where everyone contributed something and no one gave up. The sizzling Jackets extended their streak to 3 games, which was the longest ever. For a team who was destined for the cellar, a win over PNG would assure them of a second place finish.

The Indians were destroyed on their own court as Scott Ryal struck for 32 points and a number of rebounds. Brent Guidry added on his 23 points and was followed by Bubba Jackson with 19 and Tofedious Coleman with 13. Helping out in the scoring were William Watkins, Joe Bobb, and Jay Clark. Coach DeWeese said the only way to describe the game was "great!" He added that the fast break worked perfectly, but the defense could have been better.

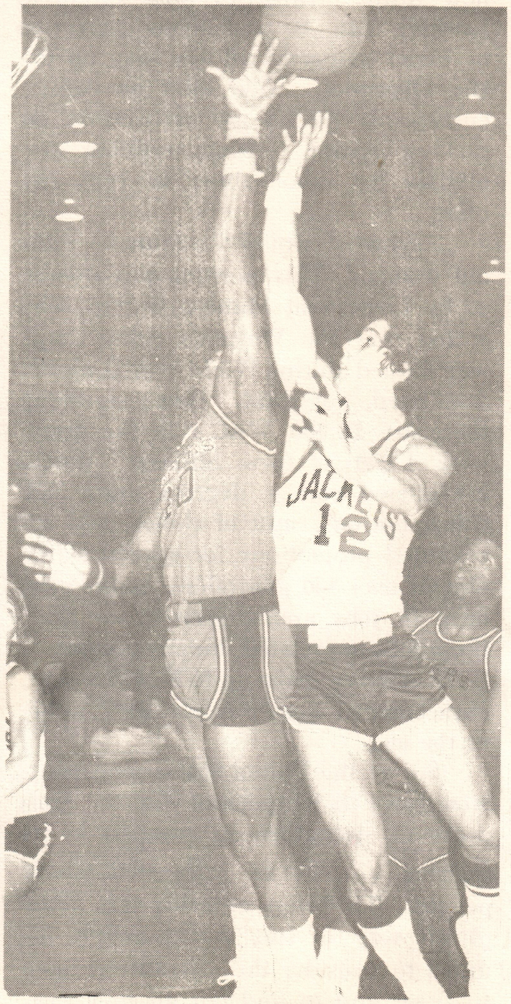
"What can you say?" Coach DeWeese commented after his Yellow Jackets lost all hope of a district title with a loss to Lincoln 91-45. "On Wednesday we'll start working for next year."

TJ started off fast with a four point lead. But that advantage soon dwindled away as Lincoln climbed to a secure 5 point advantage for the rest of the game. The Jackets played a hard-fought game in the first half, but they were literally thrown out in the second half. Height, which is Earl (the Pearl) Evans' middle name, was the major equalizer.

Johnny Roy was leading scorer for the Jackets with 14 points, followed by Scott Ryal with 13, William Watkins with 6, and Danny Provost with 5. Brent Guidry and Tofedious Coleman both tallied 2 points a piece.



Coach DeWeese Studies Scores After Game



Brent Goes Up For Two More

Late-arriving Jackets use balance for 2nd place run

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

As the coach of the only team in District 22-4A with even the remotest possibility of catching Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson's Ken DeWeese is not harboring any false delusions about his team's chances.

"We don't really have much of a shot at them," he confided. "Our kids are really looking forward to playing Lincoln again, but even if we upset them they'd still win it. I just can't see a club like that losing two of four games."

Jefferson, now 4-2 in district, has actually been the biggest surprise among 22-4A teams. After the Yellow Jackets staggered to a 7-15 mark in non-district play, many were figuring they were destined for the league cellar.

It's virtually impossible for that to happen now. DeWeese's scrappy outfit is all alone in second place. Jefferson could take a giant step toward nailing down the runnerup spot with a victory over Stark Friday night.

"Stark is the team we're really thinking about," declared DeWeese. "We expect them to come over here pretty fired up after what happened last time. We may have taken them by surprise but you can bet it won't happen again."

When the two teams met in the first half of district play, TJ stunned the Tigers by a 63-60 count. It was the same Stark team which had shelled the Jackets 90-59 in December at the West Orange tourney.

DISTRICT 22-4A STANDINGS

	District Games						All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.
Lincoln	6	0	1.000	—	461	281	23	4	.851
Jefferson	4	2	.667	2	353	377	11	17	.393
Stark	3	3	.500	3	347	324	12	12	.500
Vidor	2	4	.333	4	301	365	7	17	.292
Nederland	2	4	.333	4	361	438	7	19	.269
PN-G	1	5	.166	5	359	403	11	14	.416

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Jefferson 47, Vidor 41
Lincoln 54, Stark 38
Nederland 84, PN-G 83

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Stark at Jefferson
PN-G at Lincoln
Vidor at Nederland

Stark, 3-3, trials TJ by one game in the standings. The Tigers had won three in a row until Lincoln cooled them off, 54-38, Tuesday night. But Orange played the game without its leading scorer Charles Sprott. Sprott, carrying a 20.7 district mark, is expected back.

"Oh, I'm sure he'll play," grinned DeWeese. "We're certainly preparing for them with the intention he'll be back. He really had a good night against us the first time, so we'll have to stop him, if we're to beat them again."

Jefferson, 11-17 overall, can throw four of the district's top 14 scorers at Stark. Scott Ryal, with a 12.0 average is the leading TJ point producer, followed by Bubba Jackson at 11.8, Brent Guidry at 10.3 and Tofedius Coleman at 10.0. No other team boasts four players averaging in double figures.

"I said before the season started we'd have to have good scoring balance to do any good," commented DeWeese. "We don't have anybody who is going to go out and score 25 a game so we must spread it around. Things have worked out real well in district. If we just hadn't let Vidor slip up on us the first time, we'd be in great shape."

BUBBA JACKSON
. . .TJ sharpshooter

DeWeese said there is absolutely no possibility Mike Miller will see action again this season. Miller, the Jackets', leading scorer until an ankle injury in December, is now out of his cast and wants to play in the worst way. But his coach is having no part of it.

"Mike might be able to come back and help but it would be taking too great a risk. There are some junior colleges interested in him and I'm not about to do anything that would jeopardize his future."

The youthful TJ mentor was somewhat disappointed with his team's second half showing in Tuesday night's 47-41 victory over Vidor. He feels they'll need to put four strong quarters together to stay with Sark.

"We played four solid quarters when we went to Orange, but since then we've had a lapse in almost every game. We just don't seem to have the killer instinct. Our last two games against Nederland and Vidor, we were in a position to blow things open and didn't do it."

All in all, though, DeWeese isn't really complaining. He knows full well a second place finish behind Lincoln would be a tremendous accomplishment for his scrappers.

DISTRICT 22 4A
Leading Scorers

Player, School	g	fg	ft	tp	Avg.
Earl Evans, Lincoln	6	70	30	170	28.3
Charles Sprott, Stark	4	38	7	83	20.7
Shaun Davis, PN-G	6	45	15	105	17.3
Leroy Breedlove, Stark	6	41	4	86	14.3
Melvin Riddick, Vidor	6	38	8	84	14.0
Scott Ryal, TJ	6	24	24	72	12.0
Bubba Jackson, TJ	6	27	17	71	11.8
Mark Crain, Nederland	6	31	9	71	11.8
Kervin Eli, Lincoln	6	30	9	69	11.5
Billy Willson, Ned.	6	25	18	68	11.3
Mark Moore, Ned.	6	24	15	63	10.5
Brent Guidry, TJ	6	23	16	62	10.3
Tofedius Coleman, TJ	6	21	18	60	10.0
James Deal, Lincoln	6	28	4	60	10.0

Sizzling Jackets swarm by Indians

By JOHN DeVILLIER
News Sports Staff

PORT NECHES — To say Thomas Jefferson seized early control of Tuesday's District 22-4A match with Port Neches-Groves would be putting it mildly.

For the first 12 minutes, coach Ken DeWeese's Yellow Jackets maintained a scorching 70-plus shooting percentage. Their lead soared to 26 points before they coasted to a 93-82 win over the Indians.

Thomas Jefferson's victory was its sixth in eight conference starts, locking the Jackets in second place behind Lincoln.

As the score indicates, Tuesday's game developed into quite a scoring bee after the Indians came out of shock.

Scott Ryal, the Yellow Jackets' big man, racked up a career best of 32 points. Indian post Shaun Davis also canned 32 points and pulled down 29 rebounds.

Both were laying back in the fourth quarter because of four-foul handicaps, but moving a few feet to the outside bothered Ryal not in the least.

The 6-5 Jacket senior scored 14 points in the third quarter, and he made TJ's first eight points in the fourth period.

Brent Guidry, the Jackets' fast-break whiz, scored 23 points. He teamed with Johnny Roy, Ryal, Willie Watkins and Tofedius Coleman to force the Indians into an almost hopeless catch-up situation in the first quarter when the TJ lead ballooned from 14-7 to 28-7.

Guidry escaped on the Jackets' "fly" play and bagged four field goals early in the second quarter to open the Jackets' margin to 42-16.

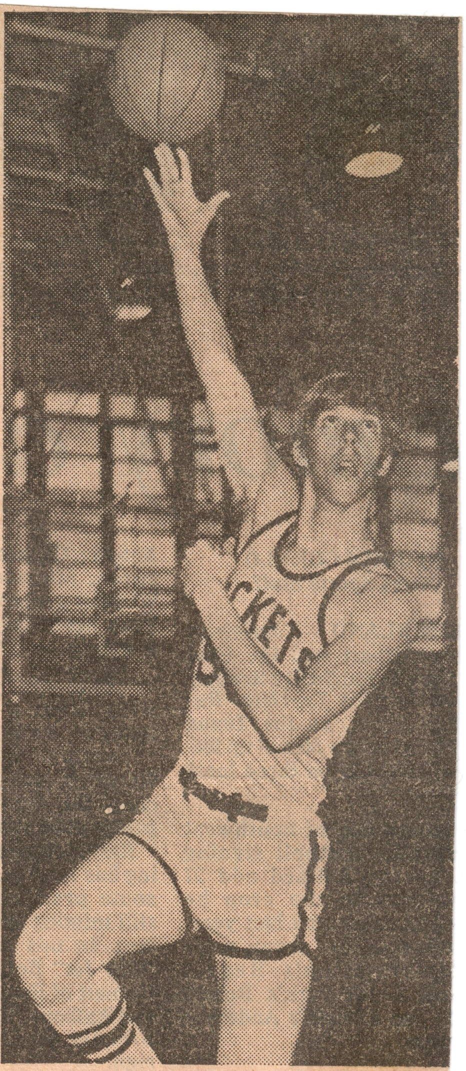
Port Neches-Groves then made its best run of the night, pumping in 14 points as Davis received help from Steve Fry and Rodney Taylor. Davis scored six points in the Indian flurry which ended, ironically, when he was charged with goal-tending on Bubba Jackson's shot in the closing seconds of the half.

While their 25-point charge in the second quarter made things more respectable, the Indians looked at a 12- to 15-point deficit most of the second half.

TJ	fg	ft	tp
Roy	2	0-0	4
Guidry	10	3-5	23
Ryal	14	4-4	32
Jackson	7	0-1	14
Coleman	5	3-5	13
Lackey	0	0-0	0
Foreman	0	0-0	0
Bobb	2	0-0	4
Watkins	1	0-0	2
Clark	0	1-2	1
Totals	41	11-17	93

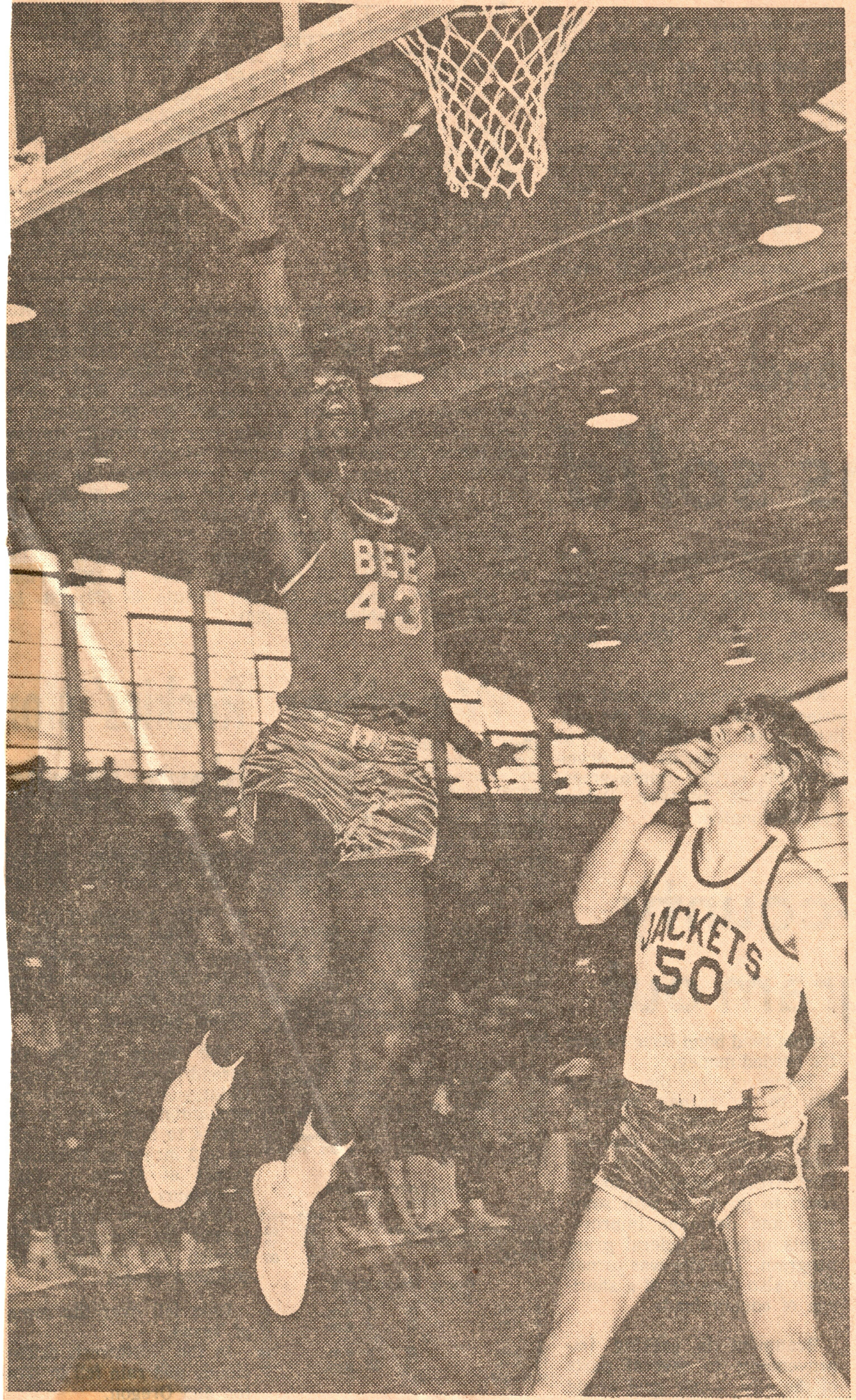
PN-G	fg	ft	tp
Davis	15	2-4	32
Taylor	2	4-7	8
Brown	0	0-0	0
Mire	5	5-7	15
Speed	2	0-1	4
White	1	0-0	2
Allen	3	0-2	6
Fry	5	5-6	15
Totals	33	16-27	82

Thomas Jefferson	28	16	28	21—93
Pt. Neches-Groves	7	25	23	27—82



SCOTT RYAL
. . . scores career high

Bees, 'Pearl' exterm



NO STOPPING THIS BUMBLE BEE
. . . Earl Evans soars for 2 more in Lincoln romp

Evans cans
wins 3rd con

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Thomas Jefferson won't have to face Earl "The Pearl" Evans and his Lincoln Bumble Bee teammates for another year but that's really too soon as far as Jacket mentor Ken DeWeese is concerned.

"Where does it all end," he wondered Friday after the Bees had thrashed TJ, 91-45, to nail down their third consecutive 22-4A title and fourth in the six years they've competed in the UIL. "With Evans and Eli back, I just don't see any relief in sight next season."

Nobody can blame DeWeese for feeling a bit shell shocked. Especially after the dazzling 6-6 Evans almost defeated the Jackets singlehandedly. Jefferson's entire team outscored Evans by only eight points and managed to grab just one more rebound.

The Pearl poured in 37 points—hitting 16 of 25 from the field—grabbed 20 rebounds, blocked four shots and had five steals. It was by far his best overall game in district play and the 37 point outburst lifted his season's total to 769 in 28 games. His season average is 26.0 while his district norm soared to 27.7.

Evans was not the whole show either, it just seemed that way. Russell Glover, coming on strong since recovering from the flu, was six of seven from the floor, tallied 12 points and hauled down 11 rebounds. James Deal added 10 points and Chucky Baker scored nine, all of them in the first half.

"I was extremely pleased with the overall effort of our kids today. This had to be one of our top games in district. I wanted the kids to treat this game as the championship game and they did just that. We've come a long way since the start of the season," declared Bee Coach Jim Gamble.

Lincoln now owns a 9-0 district mark and is up to 26-4 on the season. They'll go for a clean sweep of the 22-4A slate at home against Vidor Tuesday night. Gamble said his club would probably also travel to Lake Charles for a practice game with Washington on Wednesday.

Jefferson fell to 6-3 with the loss but maintained undisputed possession of second place. The Jackets, one game ahead of Stark, need to get by Nederland

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37 as Lincoln secutive title

Tuesday night to maintain their position. DeWeese is hopeful his club can forget the Lincoln game and bounce back."

"Finishing second would mean an awful lot to us," he said. "Nobody, including myself, thought we'd be where we are at this stage. Not after the way we started. We'd really been playing some good basketball until this thing today."

TJ got out to a 4-0 lead and the Bees didn't get on the scoreboard until Baker put in a rebound with 5:47 left. From then on it was no contest, particularly on the boards where Lincoln enjoyed an overwhelming 56-21 advantage.

"They shot well and when they didn't hit the first time they just kept following up until they put it in," sighed DeWeese. "No, Evans didn't lift my opinion of him any. I've said all along he was one of the greatest I've seen and he just keeps proving it. Nothing he does surprises me."

Evans, who had only 11 points at half-time, connected nine straight times from the field in the second half, most of them from outside the 15 foot range. When he wasn't hitting from out, he was tipping in missed shots from incredible angles.

Jefferson's offense was minus its usual balance as only Johnny Roy and Scott Ryal were in double figures. Roy scored 14 and Ryal 13. Bubba Jackson and Brent Guidry were limited to three and two respectively.

Lincoln now turns its attention to bitter rival Charlton-Pollard and a Feb. 27 bidistrict showdon with the Bulldogs. The Bees have lost three of four meetings to C-P this season but Evans didn't play in one. Lincoln will also be out to avenge a loss to the Bulldogs in last year's bidistrict encounter.

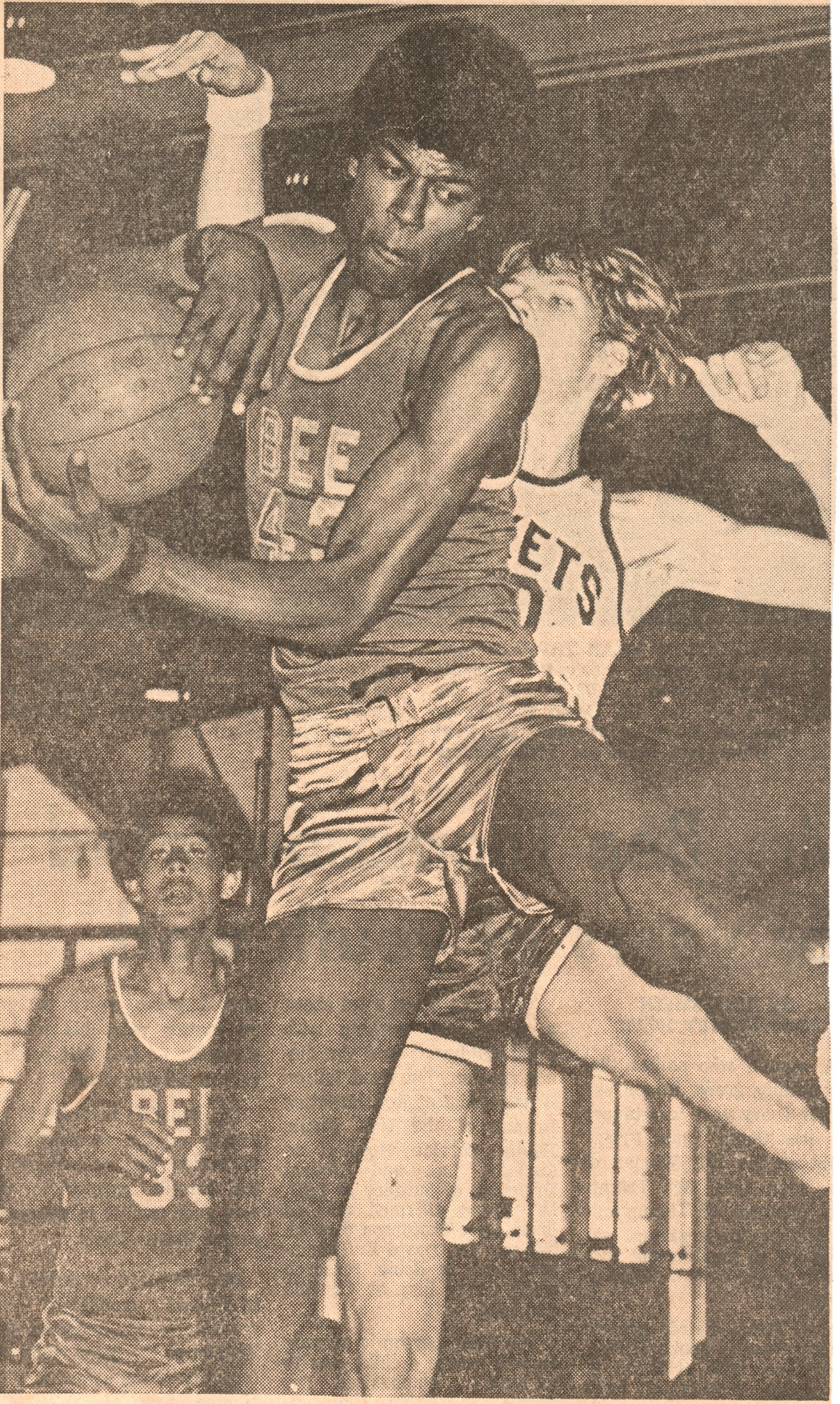
Lincoln

	fg	ft	tp
Eli	2	1-2	5
Evans	16	5-8	37
R. Glover	6	0-0	12
Deal	5	0-0	10
Baker	4	1-2	9
Keller	1	0-0	2
Wash.	1	0-0	2
Comeaux	0	2-2	1
Charles	2	0-0	4
Trahan	1	1-2	3
A. Glover	1	0-0	2
Ford	1	1-2	3
Johnson	0	0-3	0
Totals	**40**	**11-20**	**91**

Jefferson

	fg	ft	tp
Roy	4	6-8	14
Guidry	1	0-0	2
Ryal	5	3-5	13
Jackson	1	1-2	3
Coleman	1	0-0	2
Provost	1	3-3	5
Bergman	0	0-0	0
Bobb	2	0-0	4
Watkins	1	0-2	2
Totals	**16**	**13-20**	**45**

Team fouls: Lincoln 20, Jefferson 16.



'PEARL' DOMINATES THE BOARDS ALSO
. . . Evans goes high for one of his 20 rebounds

District 22-4A competition set Friday

By **BURT DARDEN**
News Sports Staff

District 22-4A basketball begins bouncing for keeps Friday when league play begins.

However, two players who are leading their respective teams in scoring won't be playing much of a role as league play gets under way.

Thomas Jefferson's Yellow Jackets, carrying a 7-15 record and a four game losing string into district play, will be without senior Mike Miller when it tangles with Vidor.

Miller, a starter since his sophomore year, suffered a broken bone in his leg in the first game of the Thomas Jefferson tournament and is finished for the season.

"He's still in a cast and won't be out of it for bout four weeks. In other words he's through," said TJ's youthful first year basketball coach Ken DeWeese.

Miller was averaging 14.3 points through 15 games. DeWeese will have to look for senior playmaker Brent Guidry (10.9) and Tofedius Coleman (9.9), who doubles as the team's leading rebounder, to take up the slack.

Scott Ryal and juniors Bubba Jackson and Johnny Roy join Guidry and Coleman in the starting lineup against Bob Gough's 5-13 Vidor Pirates.

Mark Crain, a 6-5 senior who along with Miller was tabbed an all-district prospect, is doubtful for Nederland's conflict with Port Neches-Groves. Crain, who leads Nederland with a 10.9 average, is having problems with tendonitis in his knees.

He missed Nederland's last game Tuesday night. Coach Harper Augsburger is banking on senior Randy Monk (8.4), Billy Willson (9.2) and Mike Moore (8.9) to boost Nederland if Crain isn't able to play. Nederland brings a 5-16 record into the district lidlifter.

Port Neches-Groves has already won as many games this season as it did all last season. The 10-9 Indians of Coach Phil Endicott are led by senior Shaun Davis, who boasts a 13.2 average, and John Brown, who is scoring at a 10.2 clip.

The spotlight battle Friday will be between Lincoln and Orange Stark, co-champions last year. Game will be played at Lincoln but in this series the home court advantage doesn't mean much since Stark beat the Bees in Port Arthur in 1972.

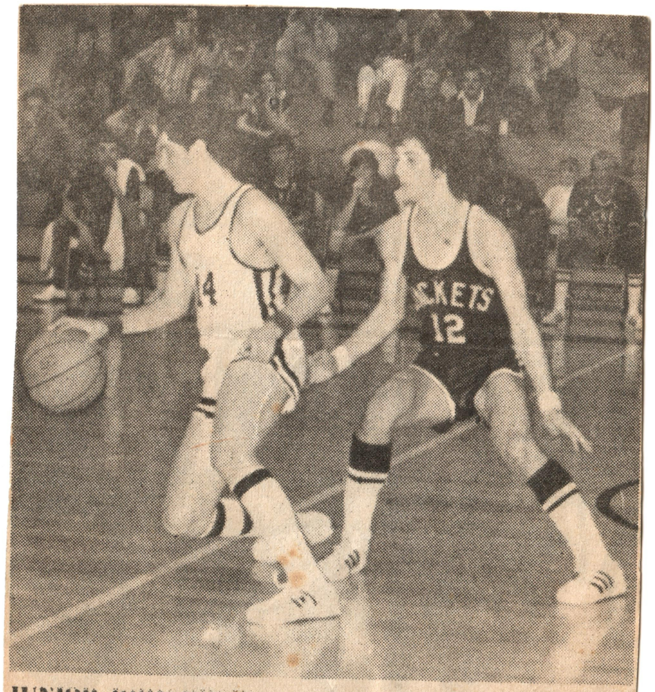
Coach Jim gamble hopes that his ace Earl "The Pearl" Evans, 22-4A's leading scorer with a 27.3 average, is well for the opener. Evans has been shelved with a virus for well over a week.

Kervin Eli (13.1), James Deal (8.9), Russell Glover (6.5) and James Keller (9.8) are the players who have helped Lincoln mold a 17-5 record.

Stark is all even at 9-9 on the year. The Tigers of Coach Billy Ray Brown have been erratic all season. They won seven of their first nine games and then turned around and lost seven of their last nine.

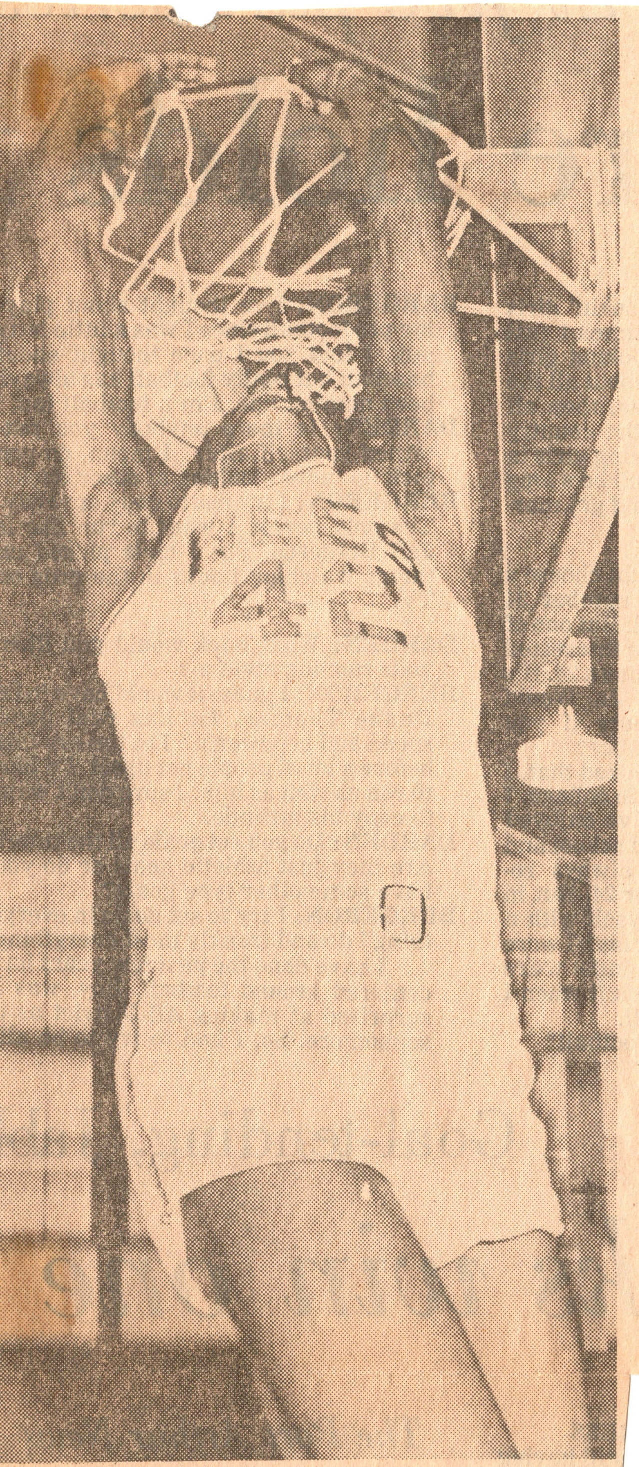
Charlie Sprott, a 6-2 senior, leads the Tigers in pointmaking with a 13.4 norm. Guard Leroy Breedlove, who has been having some shooting problems of late, is Stark's next leading scorer with a 12.1 average.

All three Disreict 22-4A contests are scheduled to tip off at 7:30 p.m. and are preceded by junior varisty games at 6 p.m.



JUNIOR JOHN BROWN moves into position to set up the Indian offense in the second half of the Indian-Jacket game.

Last chance for Jackets



THE PEARL STUFFS ONE
. . .Bees' unstoppable Earl Evans

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Having clinched no worse than a share of second place and extended their longest winning streak of the season to four games, Thomas Jefferson will be out to do some giant killing Friday afternoon.

The Jackets, up to 6-2 in district, host Lincoln's undefeated (8-0) Bumble Bees at 3:30 p.m. A Lincoln victory nails down the third consecutive 22-4A title for Jim Gamble's Bees and there are very few who think they won't get it.

Even though the Bees can stumble Friday and still win the title by defeating Vidor next Tuesday, Gamble wants no part of it. “To me the game with Jefferson is for the championship. I just hope I can get my kids to look at it the same way. If we get beat, there won't be any excuses.”

Gamble concedes TJ is a much better team than it was three weeks ago when Lincoln roared to a 97-49 victory. “They've really come around since that game,” he said. “If you remember, they gave us a tough struggle for a half. We didn't really break things open until the final 11 or 12 minutes.”

TJ Coach Ken DeWeese, who utilized a sticky box and one defense to keep Earl “The Pearl” Evans under control during the early going of that initial meeting, isn't sure what he'll do this time. One thing he doesn't plan is to slow the game down.”

“We may try the box and one in spots, but we can't stick with it all the way. Lincoln is not a one-man team by any means. If Evans doesn't kill you somebody else will. But, of course, we can't let him just roam free.”

The TJ mentor feels his club will be much better prepared mentally for Lincoln than in the first meeting. “When we played over there we hadn't done much winning and the kids didn't have a lot of confidence in themselves. Now they do and it should make a difference.

“For us to even come close, though, everybody will have to be at their best and we'll have to keep mistakes to a minimum. If we go haywire against their press it will be easy for things to get out of hand in a hurry.”

Jefferson pins its hopes on a balanced attack which shows three starters in double figures and a fourth on the fringe. Scott Ryal is the big gun at 14.0. playmaker Brent Guidry holds a 12.5 mark and steady Bubba Jackson scores at an 11.9 clip. Tofedius Coleman averages 9.9.

Lincoln also boasts three double figure scorers, headed by the incomparable Evans. The Pearl, whose district leading average sagged to 26.6 following a 14 point output against Nederland, tallied 32 against TJ in the earlier game.

Also in double digits for the Bees are jitterbug guard Kervin Eli at 11.6 and James Deal at 10.2. Forward Russell Glover is coming off a 21 point game against Nederland. It was his strongest effort of the season.

Overall Lincoln now stands 25-4. If the Bees win their next two league games and a practice test against Lake Charles Washington, which Gamble plans as a bidistrict warmup, they'll match a single season high of 28.

DISTRICT 22-4A STANDINGS

	District Games						All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.
Lincoln	8	0	1.000	—	638	390	25	4	.862
Jefferson	6	2	.750	2	501	512	13	17	.433
Stark	4	4	.500	4	479	425	13	13	.500
Nederland	3	5	.375	5	505	610	8	20	.293
Vidor	2	6	.250	6	420	525	7	19	.269
PN-G	1	7	.125	7	487	574	11	16	.407

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

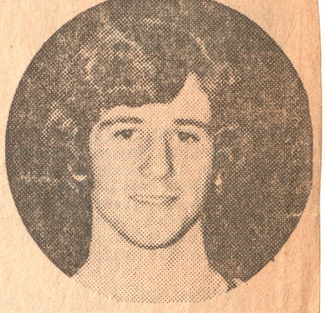
Lincoln 99, Nederland 63
Jefferson 93, PN-G 82
Stark 79, Vidor 46

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Lincoln at Jefferson (3:30 p.m.)
PN-G at Vidor
Stark at Nederland

DISTRICT 22-4A
Leading Scorers

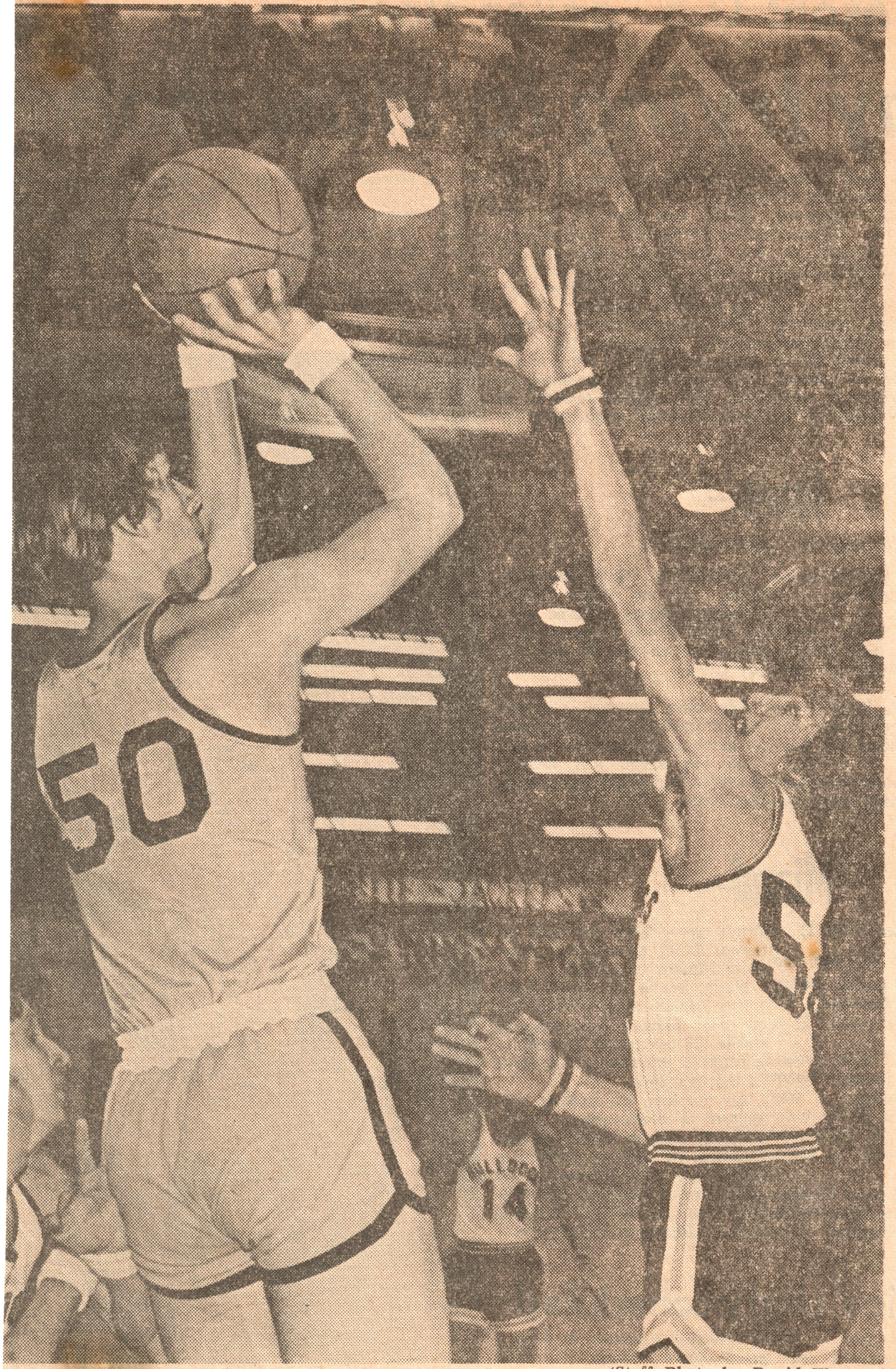
Player, School	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Earl Evans, Lincoln	8	87	39	213	26.6
Shaun Davis, PN-G	8	65	23	153	19.1
Charles Sprott, Stark	6	50	12	114	19.0
Leroy Breedlove, Stark	7	47	5	99	14.2
Scott Ryal, TJ	8	41	30	112	14.0
Melvin Riddick, Vidor	8	45	14	104	13.0
Brent Guidry, TJ	8	39	22	100	12.5
Mark Crain, Nederland	8	41	16	98	12.2
Billy Willson	8	39	20	98	12.2
Bubba Jackson, TJ	8	39	17	95	11.9
Kervin Eli, Lincoln	8	42	9	93	11.6
Mark Moore, Nederland	8	32	19	83	10.3
James Deal, Lincoln	8	39	4	82	10.2



BRENT GUIDRY
. . .sparks offense

SCOTT RYAL
. . .TJ scoring leader

BUBBA JACKSON
. . .adds to attack



(Staff Photo by David Woo)

TJ'S SCOTT RYAL (50) SHOOTS OVER NEDERLAND'S MARK CRAIN . . . Yellow Jacket postman fires in 23 points, nabs 13 rebounds

Ryal,

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

NEDERLAND — Between fouls Thomas Jefferson put together some of its best basketball of the season Friday night and the result was a relatively easy 85-71 District 22-4A triumph over the Nederland Bulldogs.

Big Scott Ryal and little Brent Guidry were particularly effective as the Jackets upped their league mark to 3-2 and overall slate to 10-17. Ryal poured in 23 points, all in the first three quarters, and grabbed 13 rebound. Guidry added 19 points and stole the ball time after time from Nederland's guards.

The real story of the game, however, was the almost continual fouling. Between them the Jackets and Bulldogs were whistled 30 times each which led to a total of 81 free throws being shot in the near two hour marathon. Jefferson converted 31 of 43 at the charity stripe while Nederland bagged 27 of 38.

Ken DeWeese's Jackets were at their best during a six minute stretch of the third quarter. From a 41-34 lead TJ streaked to a 60-35 advantage. Nederland's only point during the run was a free throw by Mark Crain. After that the Jackets reeled off 15 straight points.

Tofedius Coleman, who matched Ryal's 13 rebounds, had the hottest hand in the break-open strech scoring eight points. Bubba Jackson scored five of his 11 in the same span. Coleman finished with 16 points, giving TJ four players in double figures.

Nederland, down 62-39 entering the fourth period, rallied briefly to keep the game from becoming a total rout. In the final eight minutes the Bulldogs sank 20 of 25 free throws and tallied 32 points. Mike Moore

Guidry pace romp

Jackets charge to 85-71 win

topped Nederland with 19 points and Billy Willson had 14. The Canines sank to 1-4 in district and 6-19 overall.

DeWeese, who had feared a letdown after Tuesday's loss to Lincoln, was pleased his club bounced back so well. "I told them to just forget what happened in the Lincoln game and they did. This was the best game Ryal has played. He showed tonight what he's capable of doing anytime. Guidry did a real fine job too."

Jefferson finished the first half of league play in a tie with Orange Stark two games behind Lincoln. The Jackets could easily be 4-1 but they let Vidor slip up on them in the district opener.

TJ never trailed Friday night from the time Ryal hit a pair of free throws in the opening seconds. Crain tied the count at 2-2 but Ryal came back with a three point play. Brian Mulkey's three point effort for Nederland gave the 'Dogs their last deadlock at 7-7. Coleman broke that with a jumper and the Jackets were off and running.

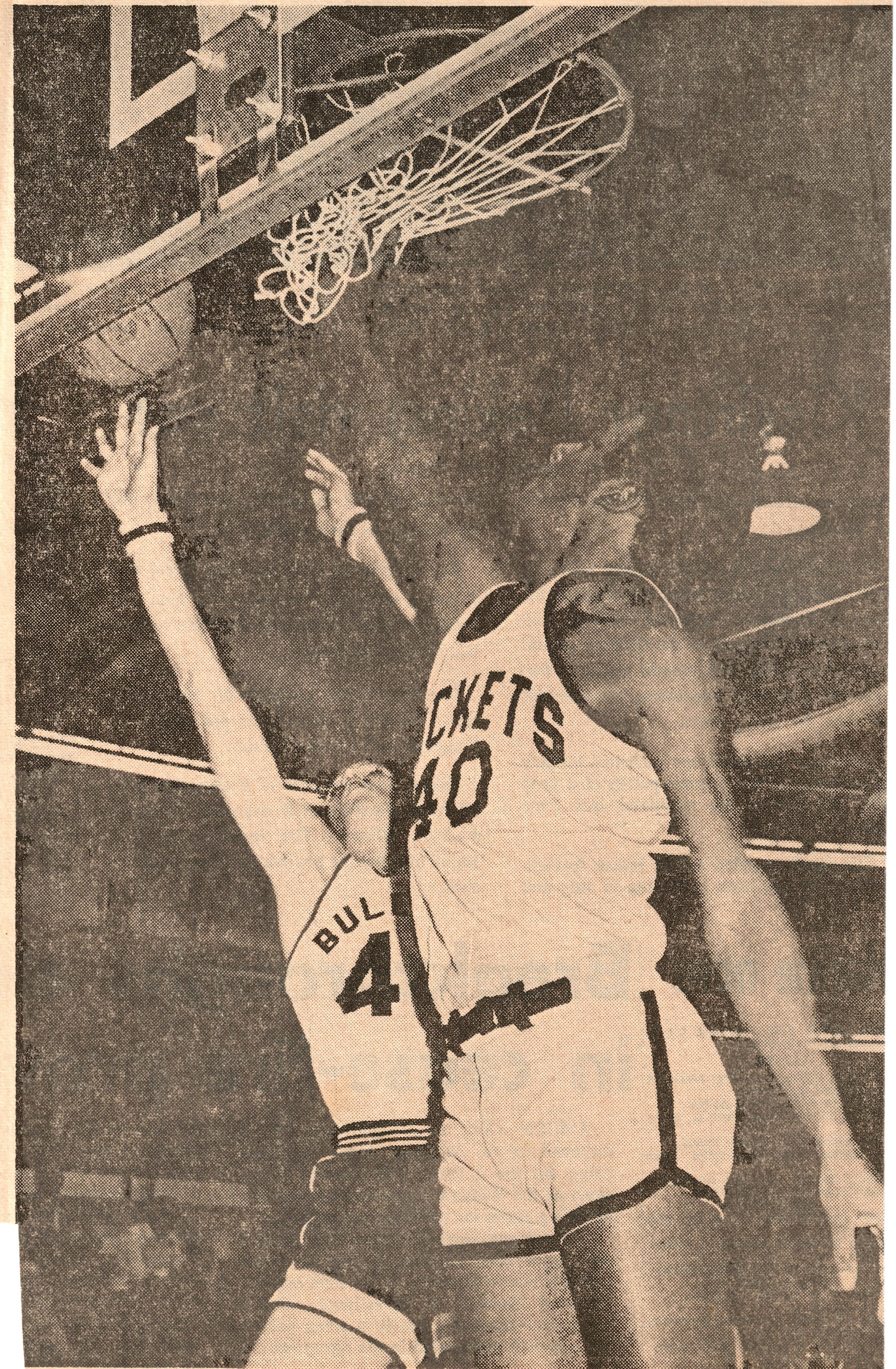
It was 17-9 at the quarter break. Nederland pulled up to 26-22 in the second period, but TJ went on another streak and left the floor with a 37-26 halftime lead. Seven points was the closest Nederland was to come the rest of the way.

Jefferson				Nederland			
	fg	ft	tn		fg	ft	tp
Roy	2	0-2	4	Crain	3	1-2	7
Guidry	6	7-8	19	Monk	3	0-0	6
Ryal	8	7-10	23	Willson	3	8-10	14
Jackson	3	5-6	11	Mullens	1	2-4	4
Coleman	5	6-7	16	Moore	5	9-11	19
Lackey	1	0-0	2	Butler	1	1-3	3
Foreman	0	0-0	0	Moore	5	9-11	19
Provost	0	0-2	0	Butler	1	1-3	3
Bergman	0	2-2	2	Leavins	0	4-5	4
Clark	1	3-4	5	West Fall	4	0-0	8
Bobb	1	1-3	3	Lovelady	0	0-0	0
Totals	27	31-43	85	Mulkey	2	2-3	6
				Totals	22	27-38	71

Jefferson	17	20	25	23	- 85
Vidor	9	17	13	32	- 71

Fouls: Jefferson 30, Nederland 30

Fouled out: Ryal, Guidry, TJ; West Fall, Nederland.



(Staff Photo by Ray Sanfo

Guidry highlights Jacket cage finale

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Mike Miller even managed to get into the act but it was little Brent Guidry who stole the show Tuesday night as Thomas Jefferson closed out its basketball season with a convincing 95-71 romp past Nederland.

Guidry, the 5-7 playmaker, was never better as he scored a career high of 29 points, harassed Nederland defensively and led the Jackets' highly effective fast break.

Miller, the team's leading scorer until suffering a severe ankle injury in December, suited up for the first time since his misfortune and managed to score by converting a free throw resulting from a technical foul at the outset of the second half.

"I'm happy for all these kids, but it really made me feel good to see Brent and Mike finish up like this," declared DeWeese. "We had some really lean times at the first of the year and a lot of people ridiculed the kids. They had the heart to keep battling, though, and now we're the second best team in the district."

TJ is indeed second. The Jackets, who never trailed Tuesday night, finished 7-3 in 22-4A play and 14-18 overall. "I just wish these last 10 games had been the start of the season instead of the finish," grinned DeWeese. "The game was getting to be fun again."

DeWeese's club certainly played as if they were enjoying it immensely against Nederland. On their way to a season high point total, five Jackets managed to hit in double figures. Guidry was the leader with 29, Bubba Jackson bagged 16, Scott Ryal notched 15, William Watkins added 12 and Johnny Roy scored 10.

"Yes, I'd say this was one of our better all around efforts," nodded DeWeese. "We cleared the ball out on our fast break more consistenly than at any other time. Brent was just superb at penetrating their defense. He had them doing a lot of grabbing and it got them in foul trouble. I only wish he'd shot the ball more often earlier in the year because he's deadly from outside."

DeWeese also had words of praise for Ryal, who did his usual steady job around the boards and bettered his district average by two points. "Scott really came around for us in district. He's going to be missed next year also."

Among the many bright spots was the second half play of Watkins, one of the juniors who'll be counted on to carry the load next season. He scored all 12 of his points the final two periods and went to the boards tough at both ends of the floor.

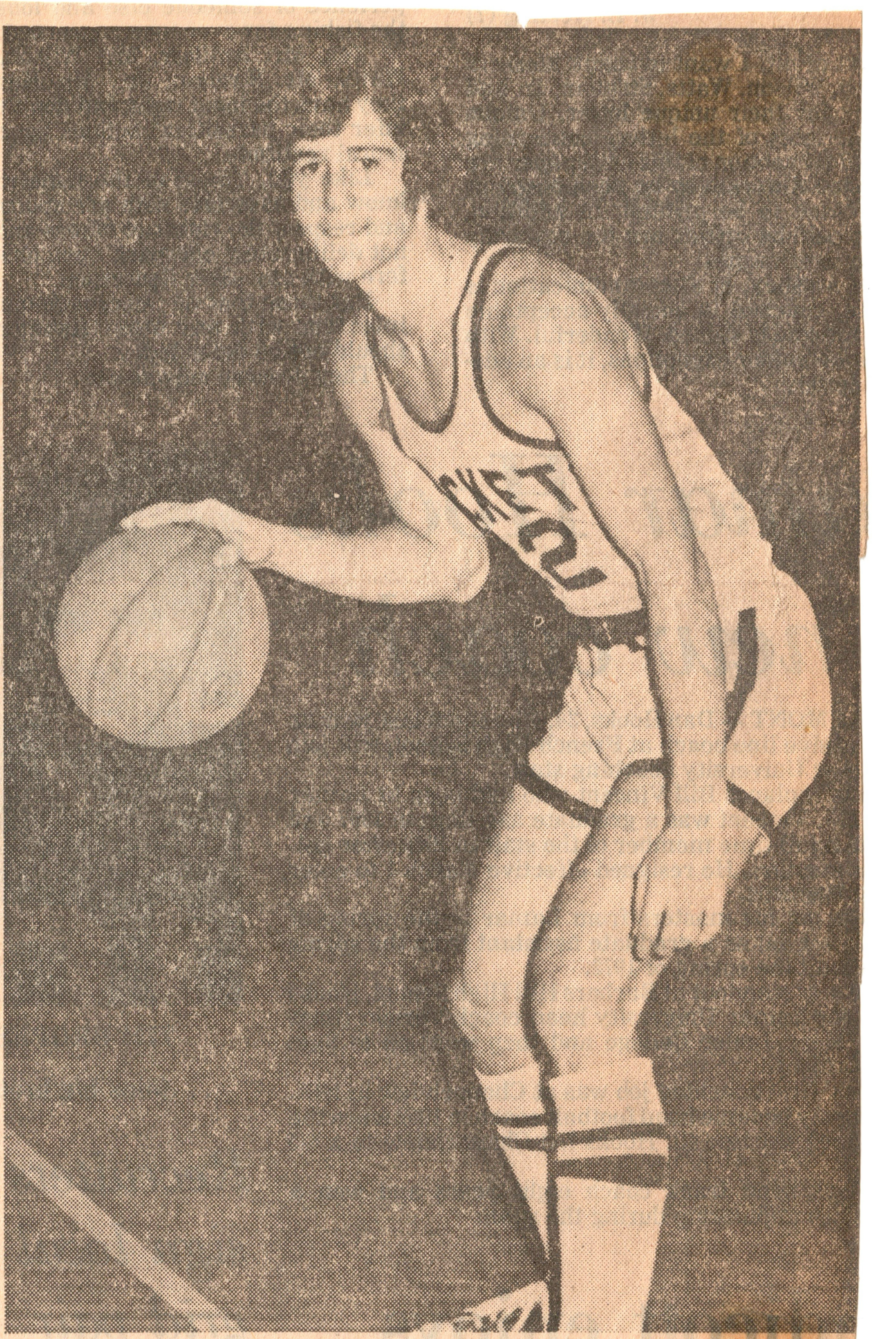
Along with Watkins next year's returnees include Jackson, Roy, Drew Bergman, Joe Bobb and Clark.

"They'll be going to work tomorrow," promised DeWeese. "We're not going to waste any time because we still have a long way to go and a strong off season program is vital. Finishing like we did should help the incentive for those coming back."

Jefferson	fg	ft	tp
watkins	4	4-5	12
Roy	5	0-1	10
Ryal	4	7-10	15
Guidry	10	9-14	29
Jackson	7	2-2	16
Coleman	3	0-3	6
lackey	0	0-0	0
Foreman	0	0-0	0
Provost	1	0-0	2
Bergman	2	0-0	4
Miller	0	1-1	1
Bobb	0-	0-0	0
Clark	0	0-0	0
Totlas	36	23-36	95

Nederland	fg	ft	tp
Crain	2	2-4	6
Monk	7	2-3	16
Butler	5	1-2	11
Mullens	3	5-7	11
Willson	3	2-5	8
Moore	3	2-5	8
Moore	3	0-1	6
Mulkey	3	4-6	10
Leavins	0	1-2	1
westfall	0	0-0	0
Lovelady	0	2-4	2
Totals	26	19-34	71

Nederland	13	24	17	17 87
Jefferson	27	22	29	17—5



TJ PLAYMAKER BRENT GUIDRY
. . . ends career with 29 point outburst

Jacket cagers open against Silsbee

Outlook brighter at TJ

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

Ken DeWeese never really thought seriously about jumping off the Rainbow Bridge last season, but there were times when the youthful TJ basketball coach did wonder if there wasn't an easier way to make a living.

DeWeese, one of the youngest 4A coaches in the state at age 26, lived through a nightmare the initial two-thirds of his first season at Jefferson, then saw his efforts pay off in the final stages as the Jackets closed with a rush by winning seven of their last nine.

The blazing finish gave TJ a 14-18 season record, undisputed possession of second place in District 22-4A and an enthusiasm for basketball that had been sorely lacking. Now DeWeese and his cagers can hardly wait for the 1973-74 season opener Tuesday night in Silsbee.

TJ returns only five lettermen and just two of them were starters last winter, yet DeWeese figures this team is as far advanced as his first squad was when district play began. Lack of a good big man worries the Jacket mentor, but that is offset somewhat by the fact he's not having to start from scratch.

When DeWeese arrived on the scene last year, TJ players were indoctrinated with methodical, pattern basketball and the transition to his run and shoot game was difficult all the way around. Once the pieces began to fall into place, though, TJ played some interesting and winning basketball.

"We've been able to get so much more accomplished this season because the kids are familiar with the system," notes DeWeese. "It's really hard to believe the difference in attitude and enthusiasm. There must have been over 150 kids show up for the start of practice."

Naturally, DeWeese has had to do a lot of trimming, but he's tried to do it without discouraging any potential players. Those he feels may be future prospects are continually watched in the physical education programs. The others spend a lot of time with him in the gym running and shooting.

Only double figure scorer back from last season is second team All-District selection Bubba Jackson. Jackson, 6-0, didn't become a regular until the Christmas holidays, then came on strong to finish with an 11.3 average. An excellent shooter, he'll have to be a consistent double figure scorer again for TJ to do well.

Joining Jackson in the starting lineup against Silsbee will be Johnny Roy, 6-3, Joe Bobb, 6-2, Drew Bergman, 6-3, and Kirk Wyble, 5-7. None of the quintet plays football, which has meant a lot for preparation purposes.

Only football player DeWeese is counting heavily upon at this time is quarterback William Watkins, 6-3. Max Minter, 6-2, may also be able to help out with some work around the boards. Others on the TJ varsity include Craig Theriot, 6-4, Francis Fey, 6-1, and Randy DeJohn, 5-10.

Without a player on the entire roster over 6-4, TJ's main shortcoming is obvious. "Not having a big man can hurt in so many ways," nods DeWeese. "How well we do is going to depend a great deal upon how Joe Bobb, Johnny Roy and Bergman go to the boards."

Another area of concern for DeWeese is ball handling. Gone is slick little playmaker Brent Guidry, who frequently turned an opponent's pressing defense into an advantage for the Jackets. Wyble, up from the junior varsity, Jackson and Watkins will be the keys in that area.

DeWeese is not particularly concerned about scoring punch, probably because his players have taken to his offense so well. "They're sold on the running game, I sometimes think we need to slow down a little," he grins. "At this point we need to emphasize defense more than anything."

Unlike many schoolboy basketball coaches in Texas, who take the easy way out and put their kids in the latest zone defense they've read about, DeWeese is teaching an aggressive man-to-man defense. It's good thinking and if he can sell his players on it, some games will be switched from the loss to the win column because most teams are used to being given uncontested 12 foot shots.

DeWeese isn't sure how well his team will perform against Silsbee's always tough Tigers and their hotshot junior star Michael Dabney, but he is positive it's time for a game. "Our practices have gotten sloppy the past couple of days. The kids are getting impatient and so am I. We need to see what we can do under fire."

Following the Silsbee clash, TJ will prepare for its home opener next Friday night with Forest Park. Then comes Beaumont High and French before a trip to the San Jacinto tournament and a first round clash with highly touted Houston Yates.

KEN DEWEESE
. . .**second season**

BUBBA JACKSON
. . .**leading scorer**

JOHNNY ROY
. . .**strength on boards**

Earl 'The Pearl': all alone on top

By BOB WEST
News Sports Editor

There isn't a basketball coach in District 22-A who'll disagree with TJ's Ken DeWeese on his statement that Lincoln's Earl Evans is the player capable of bringing UCLA wizard John Wooden to Texas on a recruiting mission. And they all wish Wooden would come get The Pearl right now.

That would happen over Lincoln Coach Jim Gamble's dead body, of course, because the 6-6 Bumble Bee superstar is only a junior. Before listening to Wooden's sales pitch, Earl will score several hundred more points, grab off nearly as many rebounds and make life miserable for anybody who moves in his path.

As Lincoln prepares for its bidistrict showdown with Charlton-Pollard "The Pearl" can reflect on such dazzling clippings as a 27.6 season scoring average, 19 rebounds per game, a second consecutive berth on The News' All-District 22-4A team and the league's Most Valuable Player Award.

Picking Evans as Most Valuable in 22-4A required about as much genius as it takes to come in out of a rain storm. Seldom has a player so dominated one district as he has done 22-4A. In addition to being the leading scorer and leading rebounder, Evans is also the leading shot blocker, leading intimidator of people who get close to the basket and leading instigator of slow down offenses.

While Evans' talents are simply awesome and tend to overshadow those around him, there were other good basketball players in District 22-4A. Guys like Shaun Davis of Port Neches-Groves, Brent Guidry of Thomas Jefferson, Charles Sprott of Orange Stark and Lincoln's Kervin Eli. They join Evans to form The News' 1973 dream team in 22-4A.

Gamble, who has guided Lincoln to three consecutive championships and won four titles in the six years the Bees have been in the University Interscholastic League, was a hands down winner for Coach of the Year honors. He shared the award last season with Stark's Billy Brown.

Chosen to the second team were Thomas Jefferson's Scott Ryal and Bubba Jackson, Lincoln's James Deal and Russell Glover and Mark Crain of the Nederland Bulldogs.

A breakdown of the first and second team shows champion Lincoln with four of the top ten, runnerup Thomas Jefferson with three and Port Neches-Groves, Stark and Nederland with one each. Last place Vidor had nobody selected.

Although the first team wasn't picked by position, it breaks down perfectly with Eli and Guidry a pair of backcourt dandies and Evans, Davis and Sprott all big and strong enough to play either forward or center.

Evans, the league scoring champion with a 28.5 norm, is the only repeater from last year and one of two juniors on the dream team. The other is his freewheeling Bumble Bee teammate Eli. A 5-9 jitterbug, Eli took some of the pressure off Evans with his sharp passing and ball handling and an outside jumper that was at times extremely deadly. Eli averaged 11.8.

Davis, a slender 6-5, was possibly the district's most improved player from last year for Phil Endicott's up and down Indians. The Indian senior averaged 16.8. He probably would have scored considerably more had he not often found himself in foul trouble.

Stark's Srpott, 6-3, finished second to Evans in scoring average with a 17.7 mark despite missing two of the Tigers' games with a severe case of the flu. Sprott used finesse and a good soft jumper from in close to do most of his scoring. One of his top performances came in the Tigers' district opening loss to Lincoln when he canned 21 points.

Guidry, the man who made Thomas Jefferson's fast break go, closed his career with a flourish by getting 29 points in the final game against Nederland. A good assist man and fine outside shooter, the 5-8 Yellow Jacket scored at a 13.1 clip.

Everybody's statistics pale in comparison with Evans', however. "The Pearl", who handles himself so gracefully he could start at guard for a lot of college teams, collected over 30 points in five of 10 district games. His district total was 285 and could have been higher had he not spent so much time on the bench while Lincoln's reserves mopped up.

"Earl Evans is the best schoolboy player I've ever seen in this area," lauds Lamar University's Jack Martin.

"It's hard to imagine a kid his age being any better a basketball player," observes PN-G's Phil Endicott. "I don't think there's anything he can't do."

And the beat goes on and on and on for Lincoln's Pearl, the man of the year in District 22-4A basketball.

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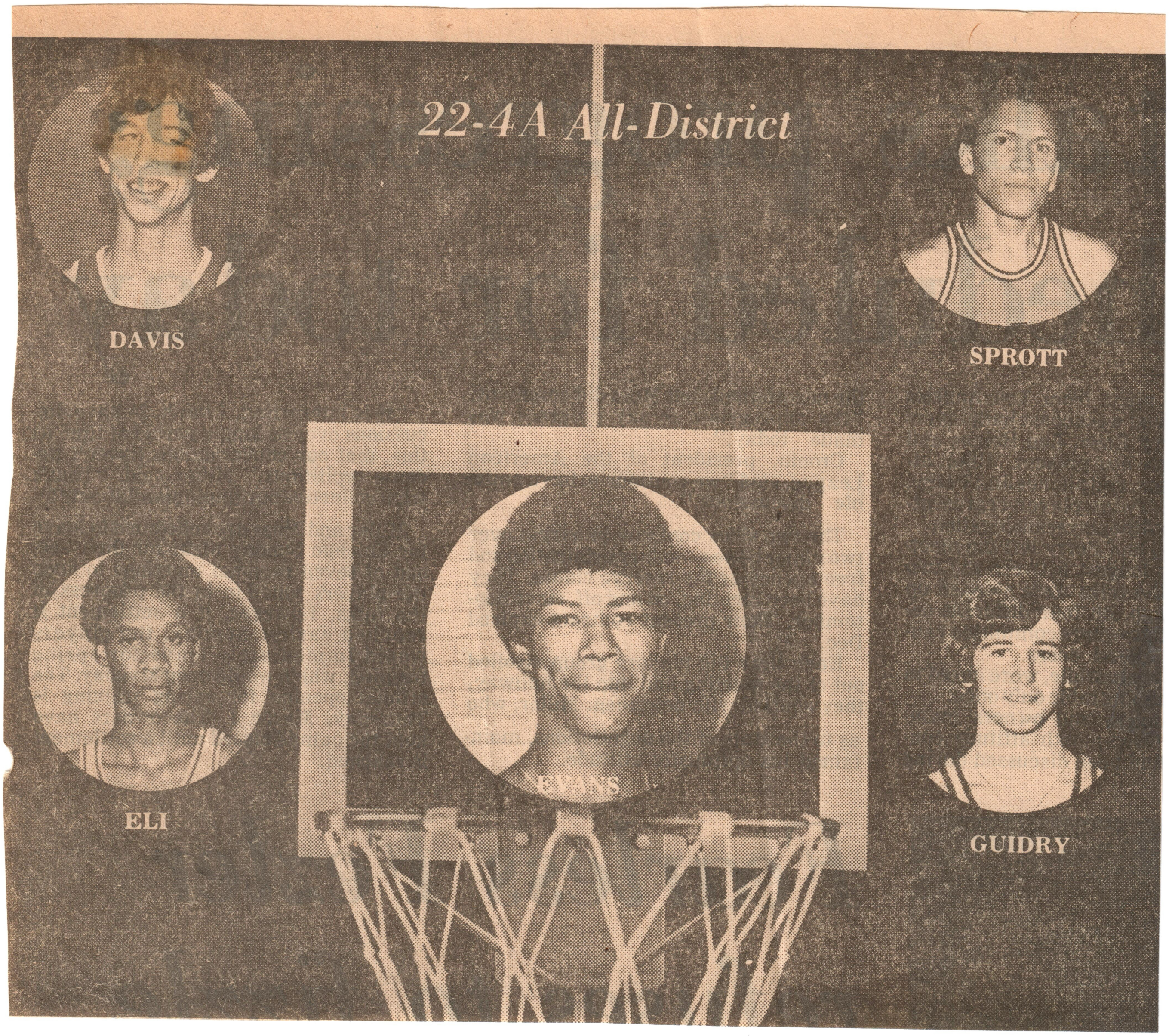
**DISTRICT 22-4A
SCORING LEADERS**

Player, School	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Earl Evans, Lincoln	10	120	45	285	28.5
Charles Sprott, Stark	8	65	12	142	17.7
Shaun Davis, PN-G	10	71	26	168	16.8
Leroy Breedlove, Stark	7	47	5	99	14.2
Scott Ryal, TJ	10	50	40	140	14.0
Brent Guidry, TJ	10	50	31	131	13.1
Mark Crain, Nederland	10	51	22	124	12.4
Melvin Riddick, Vidor	10	53	15	121	12.1
Kervin Eli, Lincoln	10	54	10	118	11.8
Billy Watson, Nederland	9	41	22	104	11.5
Bubba Jackson, TJ	10	47	19	113	11.3
James Deal, Lincoln	10	50	4	104	10.4



Cream of crop in 22-4A

First Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLASS	HEIGHT	AVG.
Earl Evans	Lincoln	Junior	6-6	28.5
Shaun Davis	PN-G	Senior	6-5	16.8
Charles Sprott	Stark	Senior	6-2	17.7
Kervin Eli	Lincoln	Junior	5-9	11.8
Brent Guidry	Jefferson	Senior	5-8	13.1
Second Team				
Scott Ryal	Jefferson	Senior	6-4	14.0
Bubba Jackson	Jefferson	Junior	5-11	11.3
James Deal	Lincoln	Junior	6-0	10.4
Mark Crain	Nederland	Senior	6-5	12.4
Russell Glover	Lincoln	Senior	6-3	8.8

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Earl Evans, Lincoln
COACH OF THE YEAR: Jim Gamble, Lincoln

Bulldogs, Greenies lead 21-4A team

By RICK ANDERSON
News Sports Staff

BEAUMONT—Charlton-Pollard, which won its sixth straight basketball crown last week, and South Park—the lone team to upend the Bulldogs this season—grabbed seven of 10 available spots to easily dominate the 1973 All-District 21-4A selections.

C-P, which edged out South Park by one game for the title, also beat out the Greenies by one player with four selections on the first and second teams.

Each school had two players on the coveted first team including three repeaters from the 1972 All-Star lineup.

Leading all vote-getters for the second straight year was Bulldog postman Vernon Minix who earned his second straight Most Valuable Player award.

Minix, who last year averaged 18.4, was a doubtful starter at the first of the season because of a broken arm sustained during football.

The 6-3 senior got off to an extremely slow start but finally started regaining his '72 touch around the boards just before district play opened.

Minix improved steadily in each district game and finished the season with a highly-respectable 16.1 norm—fourth best in the league—in addition to again leading the district in rebounding with better than 20 each contest.

Minix was joined on the first team by another '72 repeater, Kenmneth Minkins, who nailed down his second straight scoring title with a 20.6 average over the 10-game slate.

Minkins had a season's high of 49 against South Park, the best individual effort in the Golden Triangle, and never dipped lower than 14 in any contest. The smooth-shooting left-handed gunner was also lauded as an all-around better player than last season due to his increased number of assists and rebounds.

Joining the two C-P stars on the first unit were Greenie playmakers Bubba Anders and Lester Henderson and Beaumont High's Larry Rochelle.

Anders, the league's second leading scorer with a 16.3 average, and Rochelle, who finished fifth with a 15.6 norm, were also members of last year's first team.

Both were noted for their ball handling and deft outside shooting, which resulted in double-figure performances in all but two games. Anders' season high was in the Greenies' finale against Hebert where he made 26 points to move from fifth into the runner-up spot behind Minkins.

Henderson was regarded as one of the strongest rebounders in the area for his size. The six-foot senior averaged 11.4 points and just under 10 caroms, including a high of 24 against C-P.

While South Park failed in its attempt to dethrone C-P from its perennial perch, the Greenies did grab off one major honor by having Jim Anders picked as Coach of the Year.

Anders guided South Park to an impressive 21-10 record, second only to C-P's 29-6 mark, and masterminded the Greenies stunning upset over the Bulldogs in their second meeting after being beaten by 41 points in the first round.

Anders won out in a close race with Forest Park's John Callahan—who brought the Trojans from a three-game winner to a 20-12 squad—and Dick Hastings of French, who led the Buffs to a third place finish in the league despite having no returning starters.

C-P landed two players on the second team including Mark Durden, third in the league at 16.2, and 6-5 Donald Almond, the lone junior to be represented on either squad.

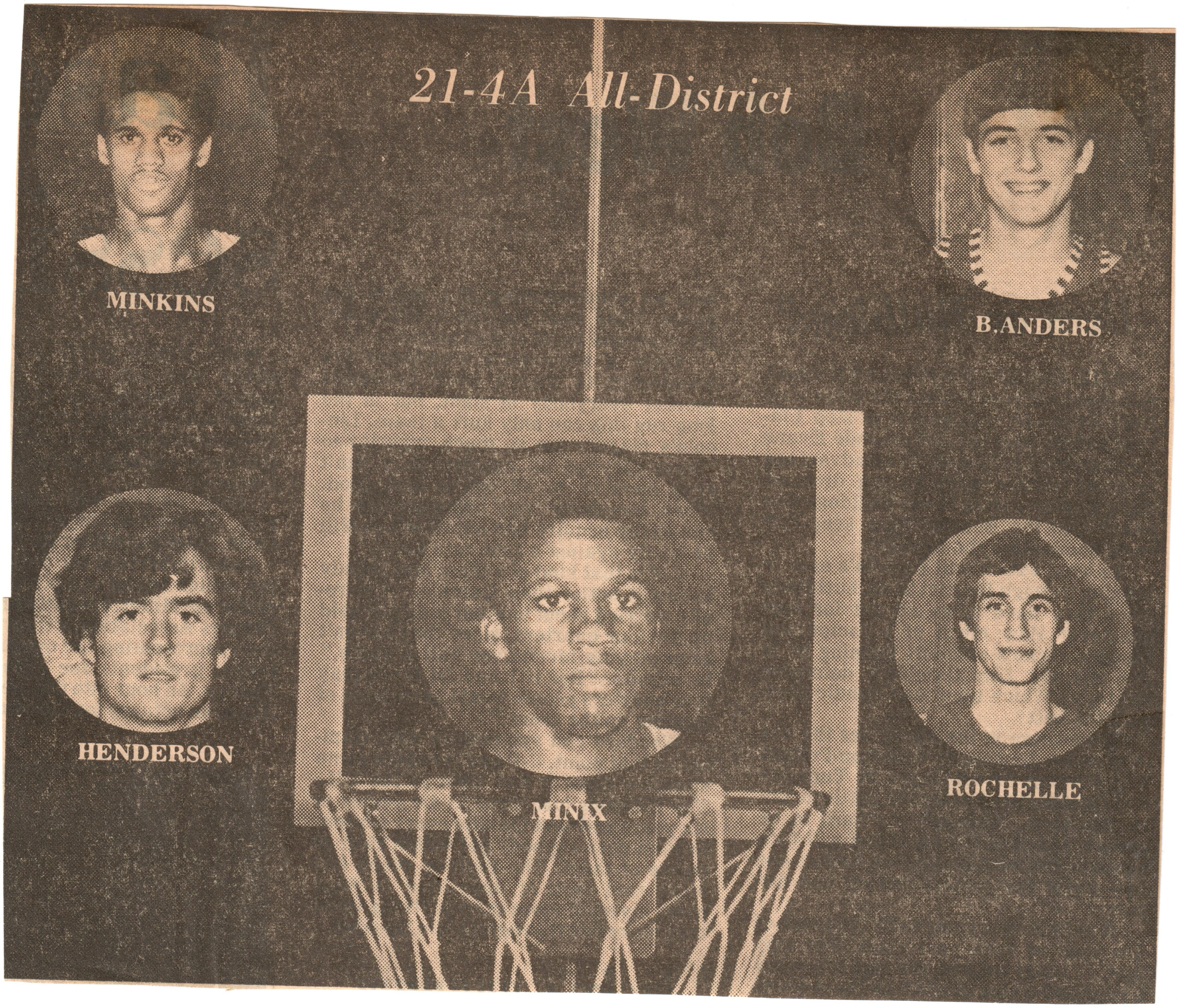
Completing the second group were French's Paul Roy (15.1), South Park's John Miles (13.4) and Ronald Wilson (15.2) of Hebert.

Durden, an excellent defensive player in addition to having a superb outside touch and Almond, C-P's consistent high postman, were both figures in the Bulldogs' surge to the championship.

Wilson was another player who went unnoticed in pre-season as Hebert managed only one win in 16 starts. The 6-3 postman improved every game in district, however, and finished with a career high of 29 against South Park.

Roy was the key figure behind French's scoring attack with a 15.1 average, while Miles proved to be one of the most consistent scorers in the league with 9 of 10 double-figure nights and a final 13.4 average.

Other players who were mentioned on numerous ballots included Steve Anders and Robert Verde of South Park, Forest Park's Glenn Thomas and Jeff Otto, Alden Stout of French, Brant Hudgins of Hebert, and Frank Galassi of Beaumont High.


21-4A All-District
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Kenneth Minkins	C-P	Senior	6-0	20.6
Bubba Anders	South Park	Senior	5-11	16.3
Vernon Minix	C-P	Senior	6-3	16.1
Lester Henderson	South Park	Senior	6-0	11.4
Larry Rochelle	Beaumont	Senior	6-0	15.6

Second Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLASS	HEIGHT	AVG.
Mark Durden	C-P	Senior	6-1	16.2
Ronald Wilson	Hebert	Senior	6-3	15.2
Donald Almond	C-P	Junior	6-5	8.1
Paul Roy	French	Senior	6-2	15.1
John Miles	South Park	Senior	6-1	13.4

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Vernon Minix, C-P
COACH OF THE YEAR: Jim Anders, South Park

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